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The Great Lakes Avengers

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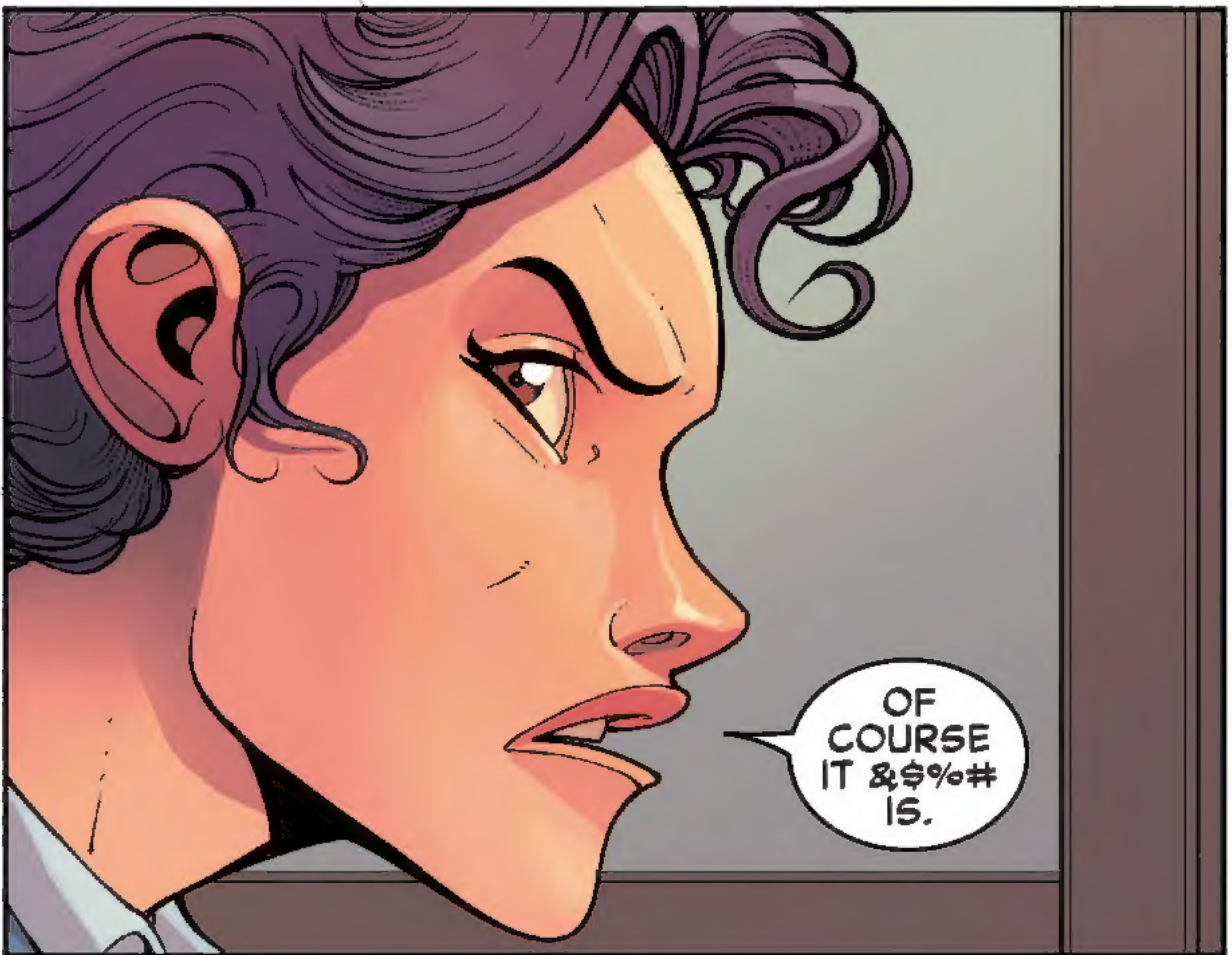
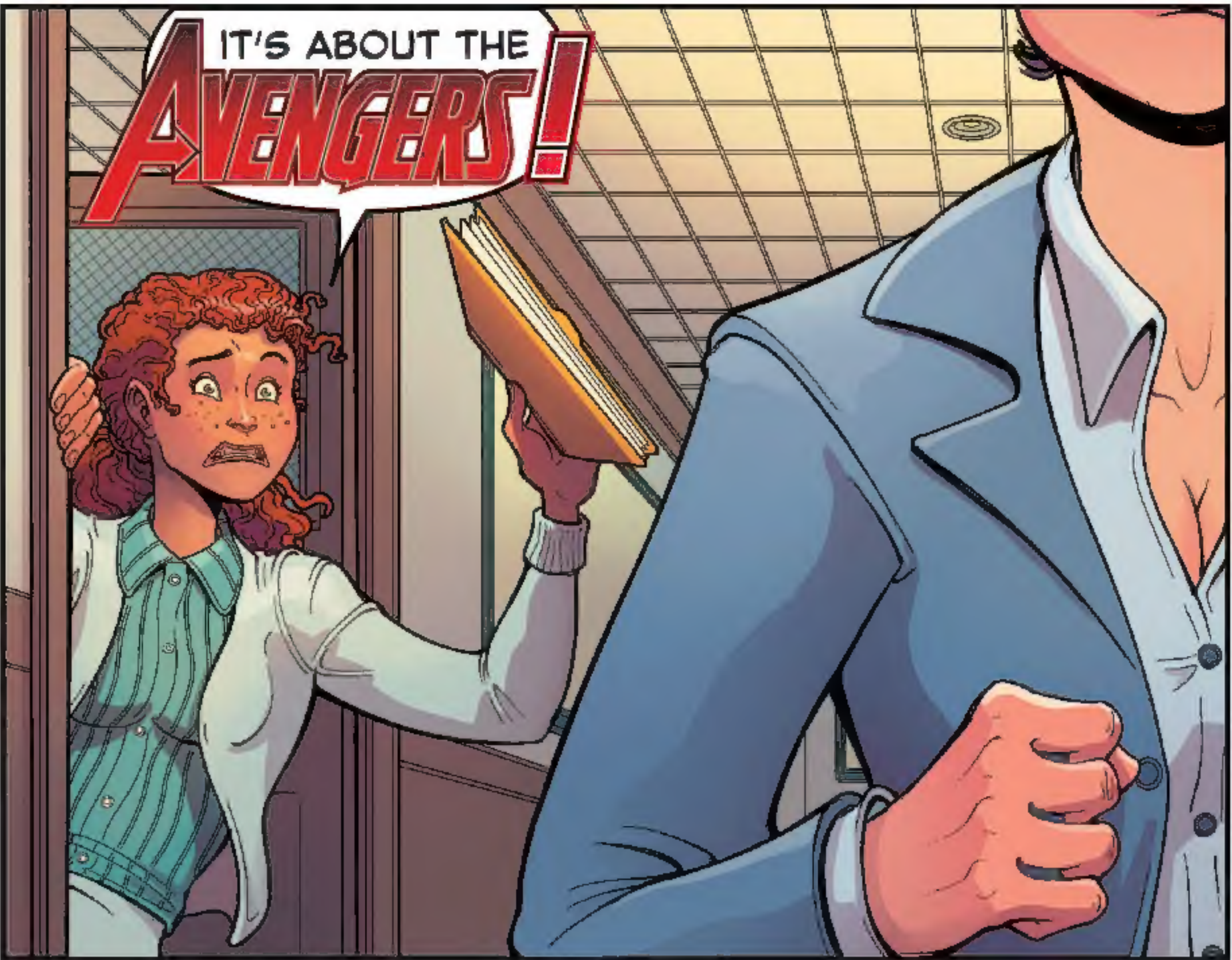
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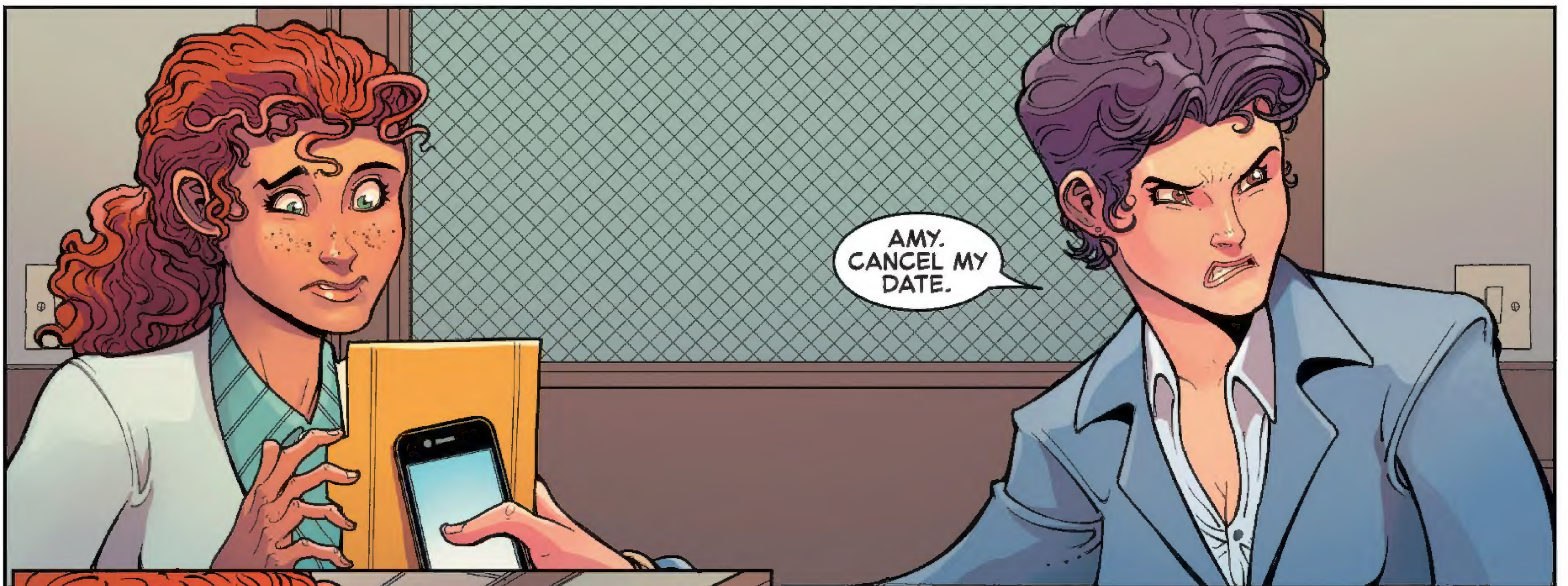
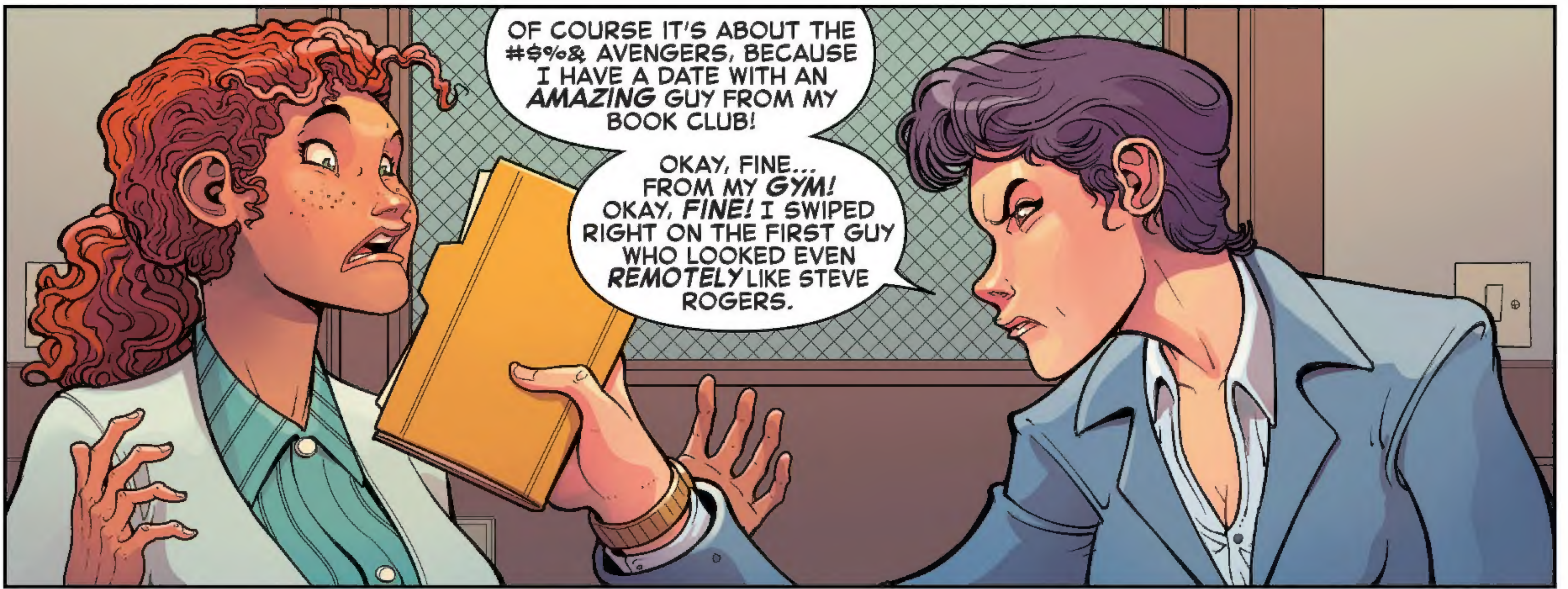


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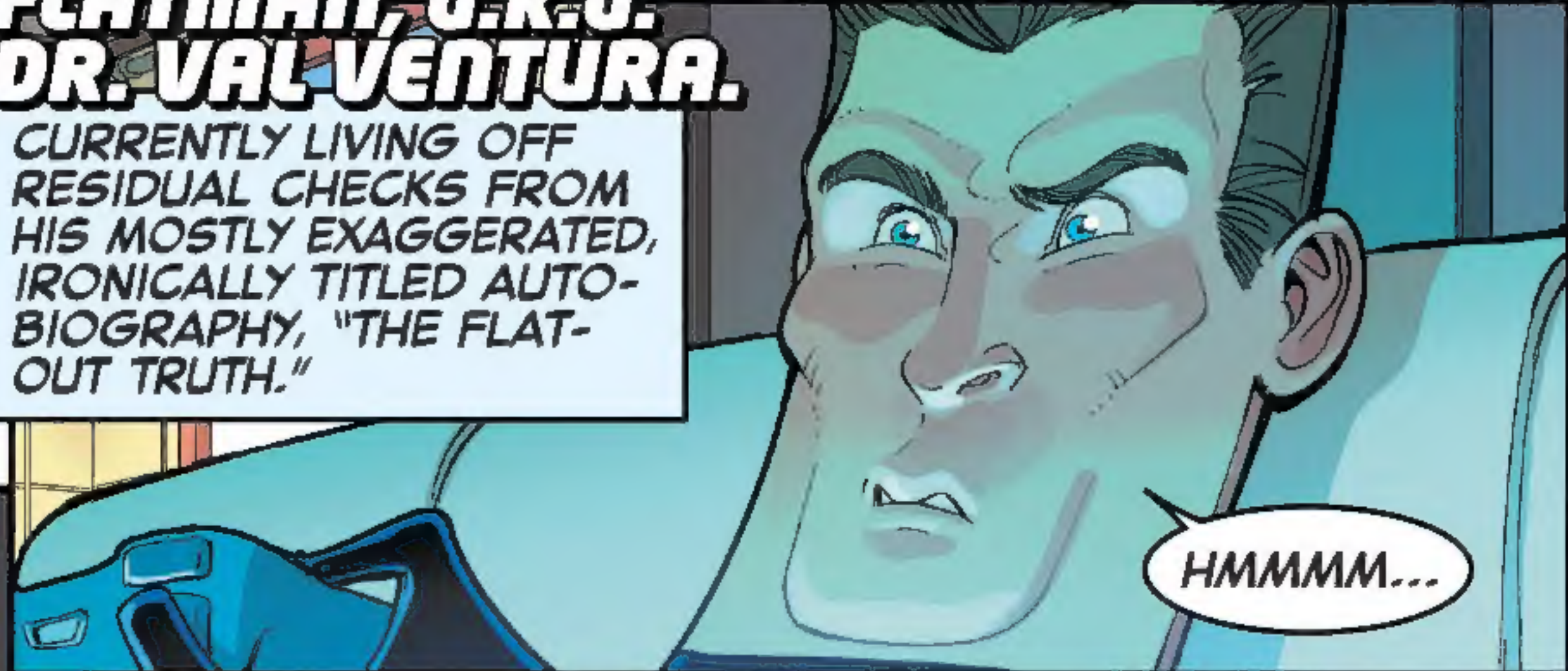




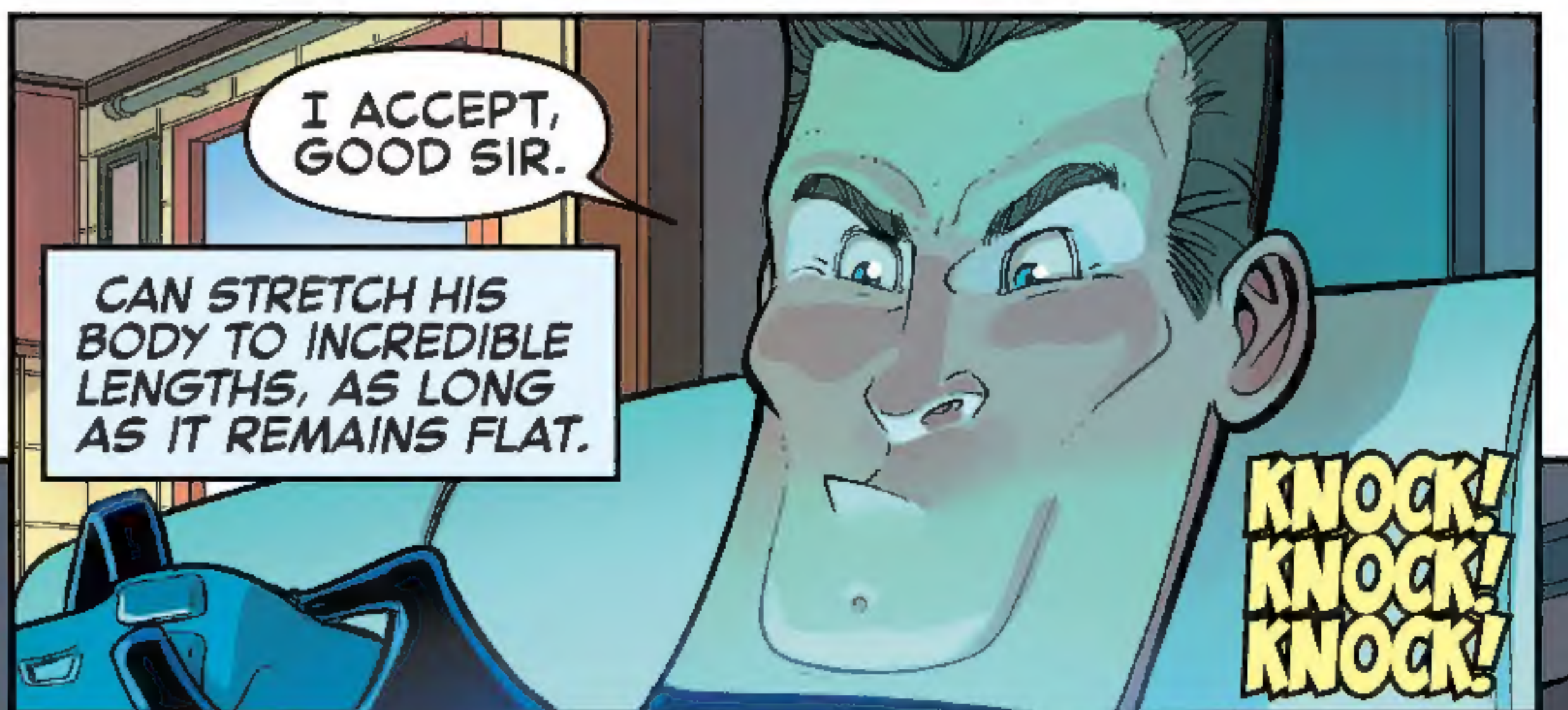


**FLATMAN, o.k.o.
DR. VAL VENTURA.**

CURRENTLY LIVING OFF
RESIDUAL CHECKS FROM
HIS MOSTLY EXAGGERATED,
IRONICALLY TITLED AUTO-
BIOGRAPHY, "THE FLAT-
OUT TRUTH."



HMMMM...

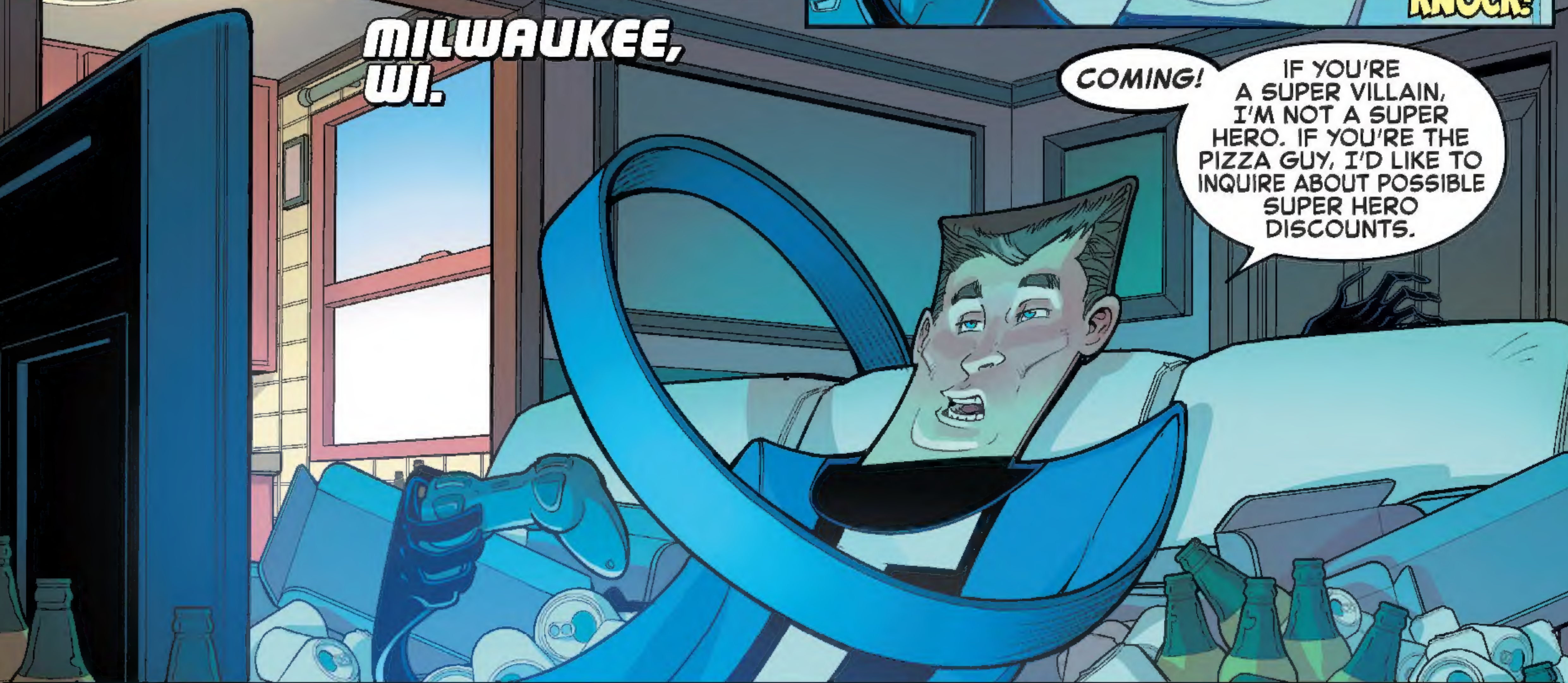


I ACCEPT,
GOOD SIR.

CAN STRETCH HIS
BODY TO INCREDIBLE
LENGTHS, AS LONG
AS IT REMAINS FLAT.

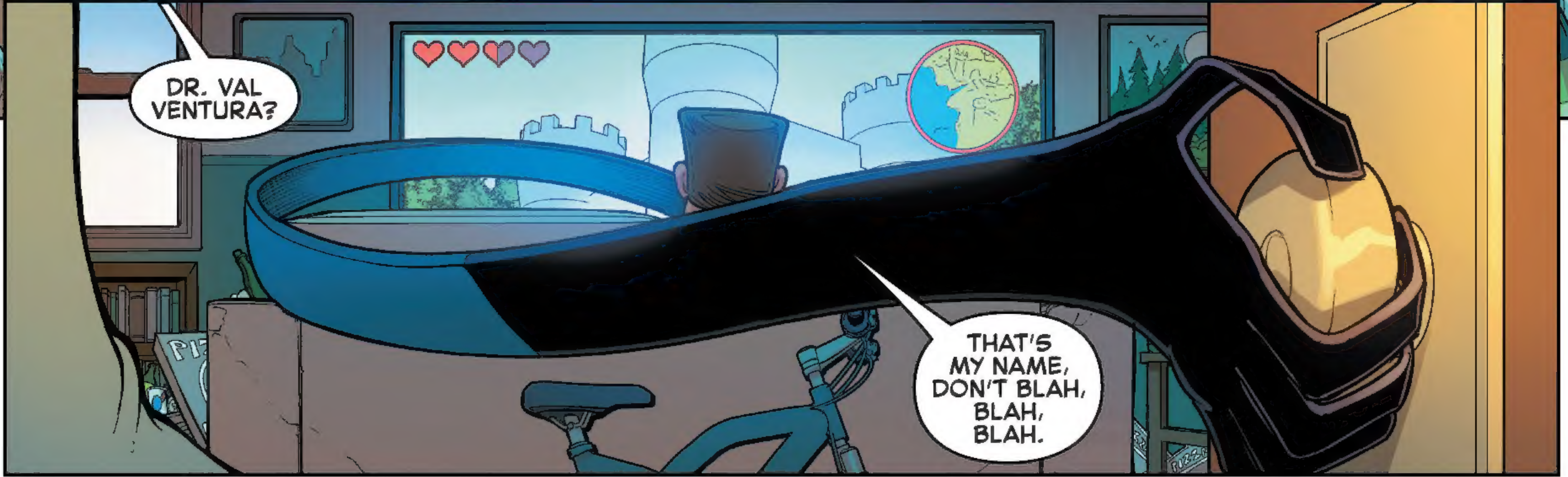
**KNOCK!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!**

**MILWAUKEE,
WI.**



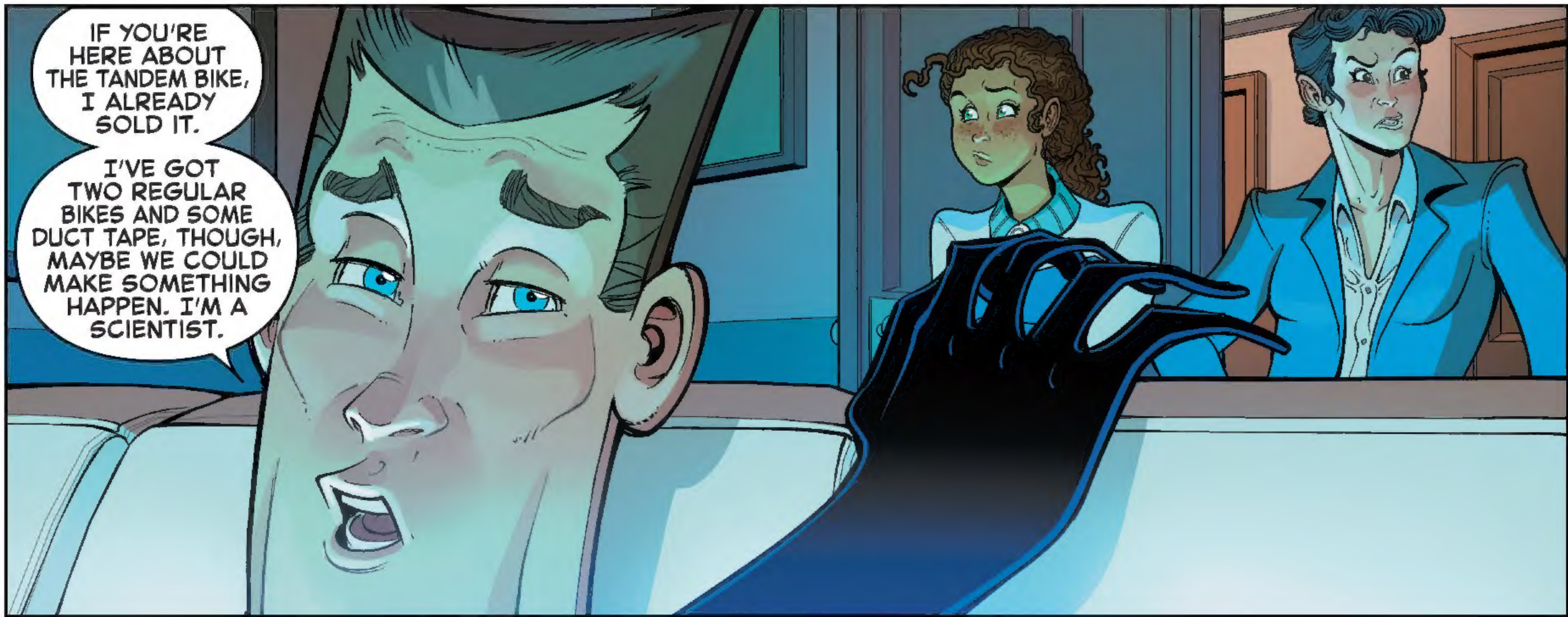
COMING!

IF YOU'RE
A SUPER VILLAIN,
I'M NOT A SUPER
HERO. IF YOU'RE THE
PIZZA GUY, I'D LIKE TO
INQUIRE ABOUT POSSIBLE
SUPER HERO
DISCOUNTS.



DR. VAL
VENTURA?

THAT'S
MY NAME,
DON'T BLAH,
BLAH,
BLAH.



IF YOU'RE HERE ABOUT THE TANDEM BIKE, I ALREADY SOLD IT.

I'VE GOT TWO REGULAR BIKES AND SOME DUCT TAPE, THOUGH, MAYBE WE COULD MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN. I'M A SCIENTIST.



DR. VAL VENTURA, A.K.A. **FLATMAN**, FORMERLY OF THE **GREAT LAKES AVENGERS**...I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE AVENGERS™ --THE **REAL AVENGERS**™ --AS THEIR DULY APPOINTED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE.

YEARS AGO, YOU WERE SERVED A CEASE AND DESIST FOR USING THE AVENGERS™ NAME WITHOUT PERMISSION.

THIS, HOWEVER, WAS AFTER YOU'D ALREADY APPLIED FOR A **TRADEMARK** ON THE AVENGERS™ NAME. ANY OF THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?



I'M NOT SURE. WHO WAS PRESIDENT THEN?

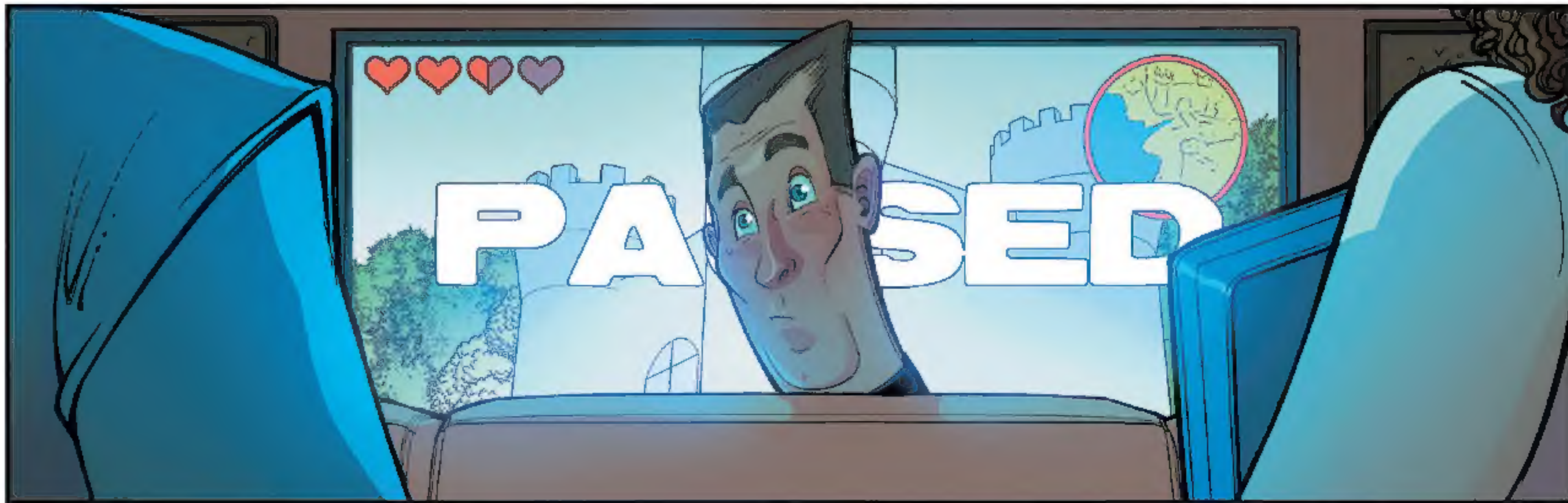
SOUNDS LIKE A "NO." I'M NOT SURE HOW BEST TO EXPLAIN THIS, BUT IN THE WAKE OF SEVERAL MAJOR SHAKE-UPS WITH THE FORMER HOLDER OF THE AVENGERS™ TRADEMARK, STARK HOLDINGS...

...OWNERSHIP OF THE NAME HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO'D EVER HAD THE--HMM, LET'S CALL IT "**FORESIGHT**"--TO ATTEMPT TO FILE A LEGAL CLAIM TO IT...

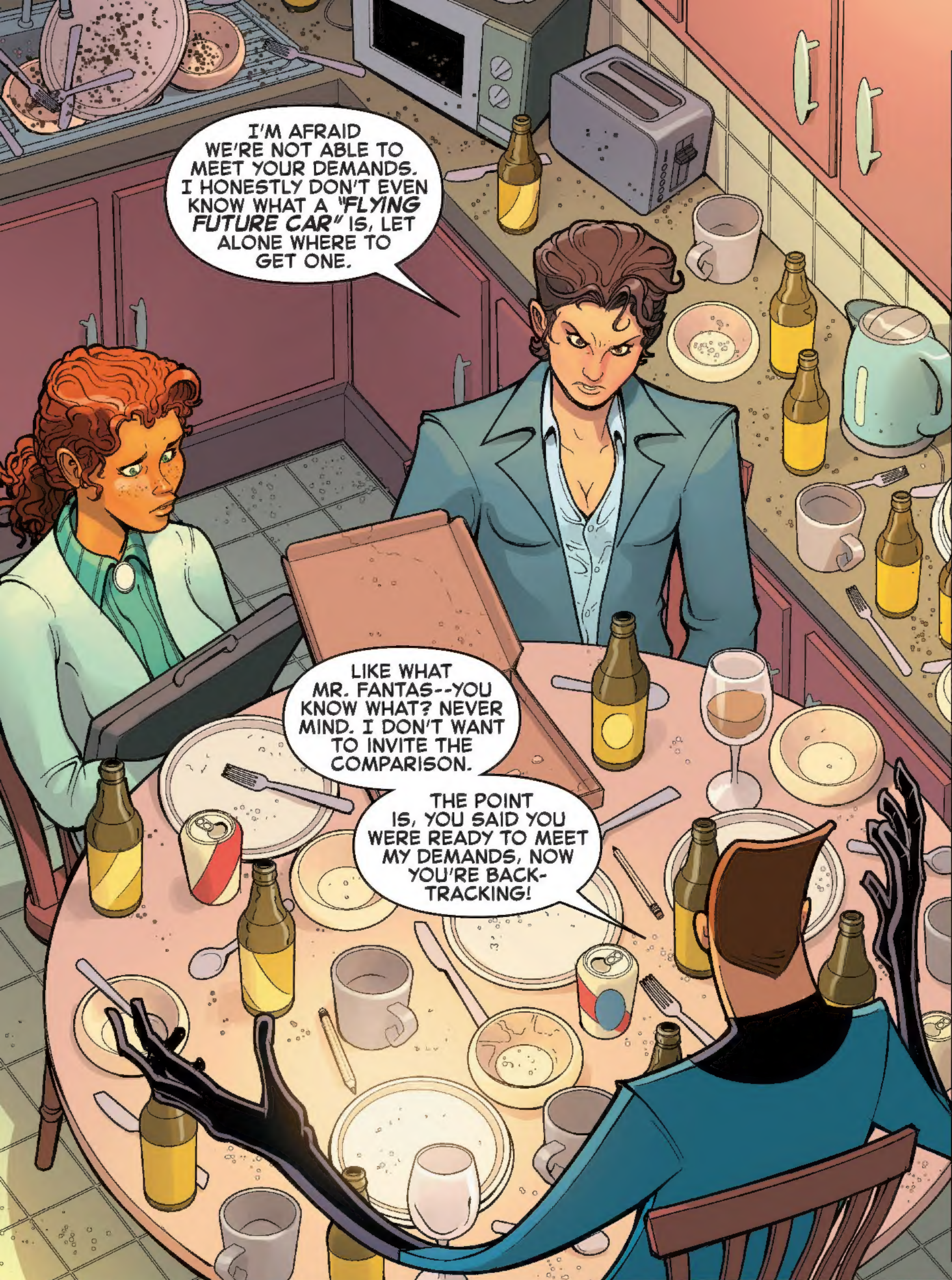


WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, DR. VENTURA, IS THAT BY SHEER DUMB LUCK, YOU OWN THE AVENGERS™ NAME...

...AND WE'RE HERE TO BUY IT BACK FROM YOU.



I CAN THROW IN A TANDEM BIKE.



I'M AFRAID WE'RE NOT ABLE TO MEET YOUR DEMANDS. I HONESTLY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A "FLYING FUTURE CAR" IS, LET ALONE WHERE TO GET ONE.

LIKE WHAT MR. FANTAS--YOU KNOW WHAT? NEVER MIND. I DON'T WANT TO INVITE THE COMPARISON.

THE POINT IS, YOU SAID YOU WERE READY TO MEET MY DEMANDS, NOW YOU'RE BACK-TRACKING!



VAL. BE SERIOUS. WE'VE OFFERED YOU MORE MONEY THAN YOU COULD SPEND IN A LIFETIME, AND YET HERE WE ARE. IT'S BEEN HOURS, AND THIS PLACE IS SERIOUSLY BUMMING ME OUT.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT SO I CAN GET OUT OF HERE AND YOU CAN GO BACK TO... WHATEVER YOU CALL *THIS*?

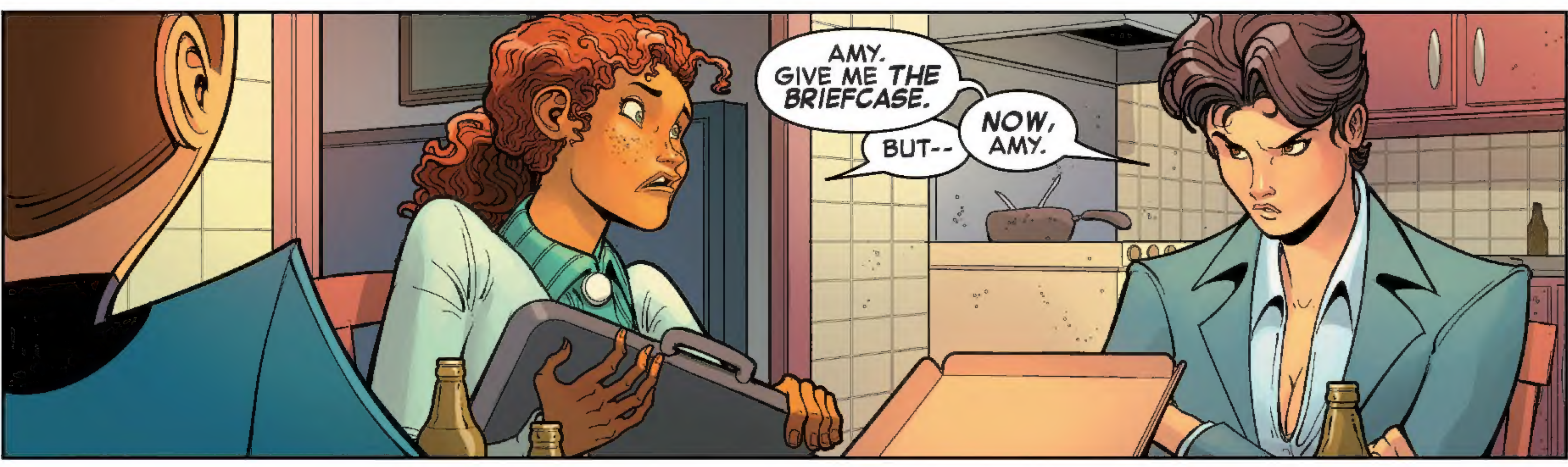


OKAY, THEN. I WANT WHATEVER'S IN HER BRIEFCASE!



WHAT? WHAT DO YOU--

FINE.



AMY. GIVE ME THE BRIEFCASE.

BUT--

NOW, AMY.

SIGH WE
WERE AFRAID IT
MIGHT COME
TO THIS.

VAL VENTURA,
A.K.A. FLATMAN...
I, CONNIE FERRARI,
AS A DESIGNATED LEGAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE AVENGERS™, AM
PREPARED TO MAKE
YOU THE FOLLOWING
OFFER.

IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR
AGREEMENT TO WAIVE ALL
RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP
OF THE AVENGERS™
NAME, I WILL SEE TO
IT THAT EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY, FROM
THIS DAY HENCE-
FORTH AND IN
PERPETUITY...

...THE GREAT
LAKES AVENGERS ARE
OFFICIALLY REINSTATED
AS A PERMANENT
ADDITION TO THE
AVENGERS.

MAY
GOD HAVE
MERCY ON OUR
SOULS.

Wooooooooooooo!

They used to be Avengers. They weren't very good at it and a bunch of them died. But maybe the world is finally ready for...

The Great Lakes Avengers

**"SAME OLD, SAME OLD
GREAT LAKES AVENGERS"**

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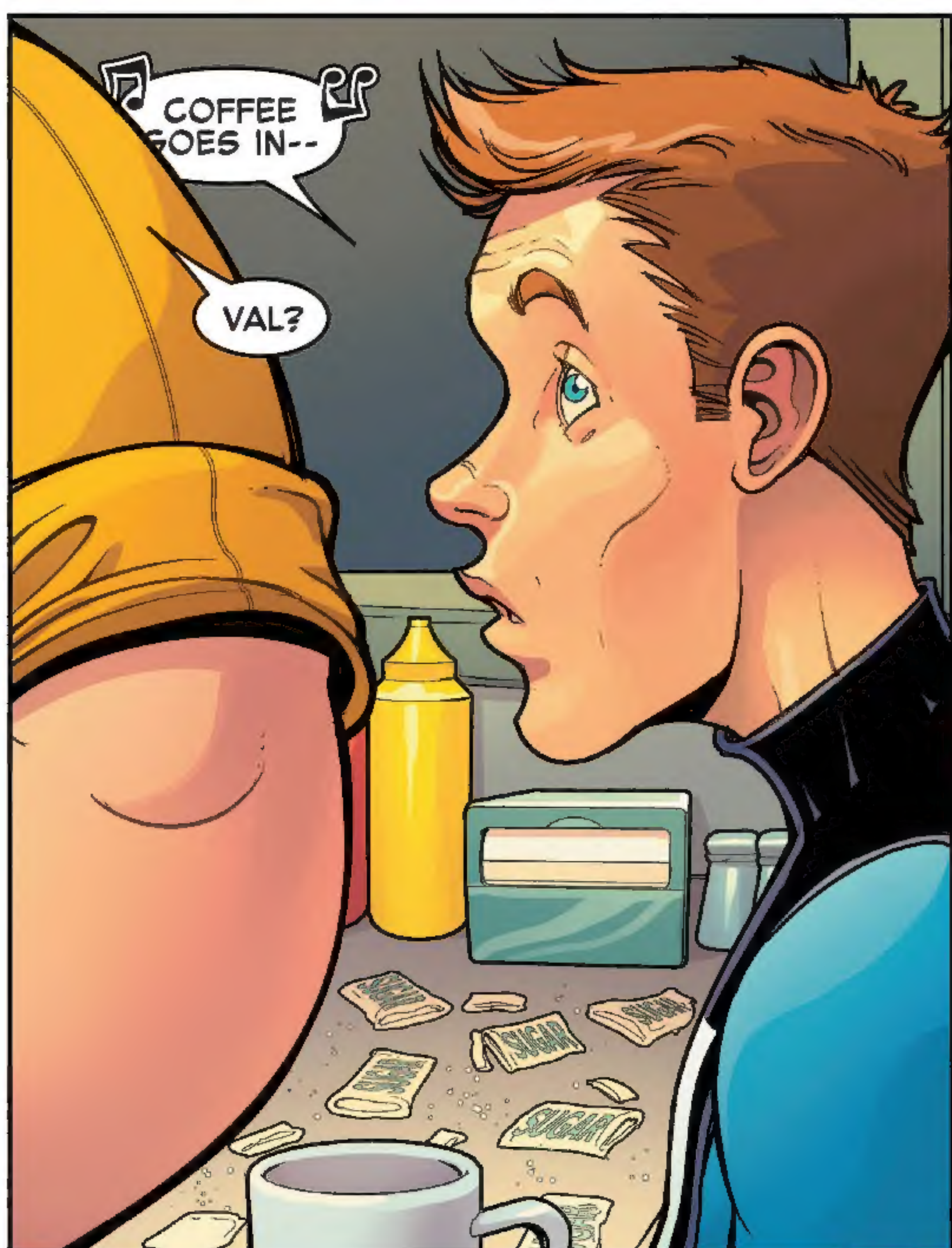
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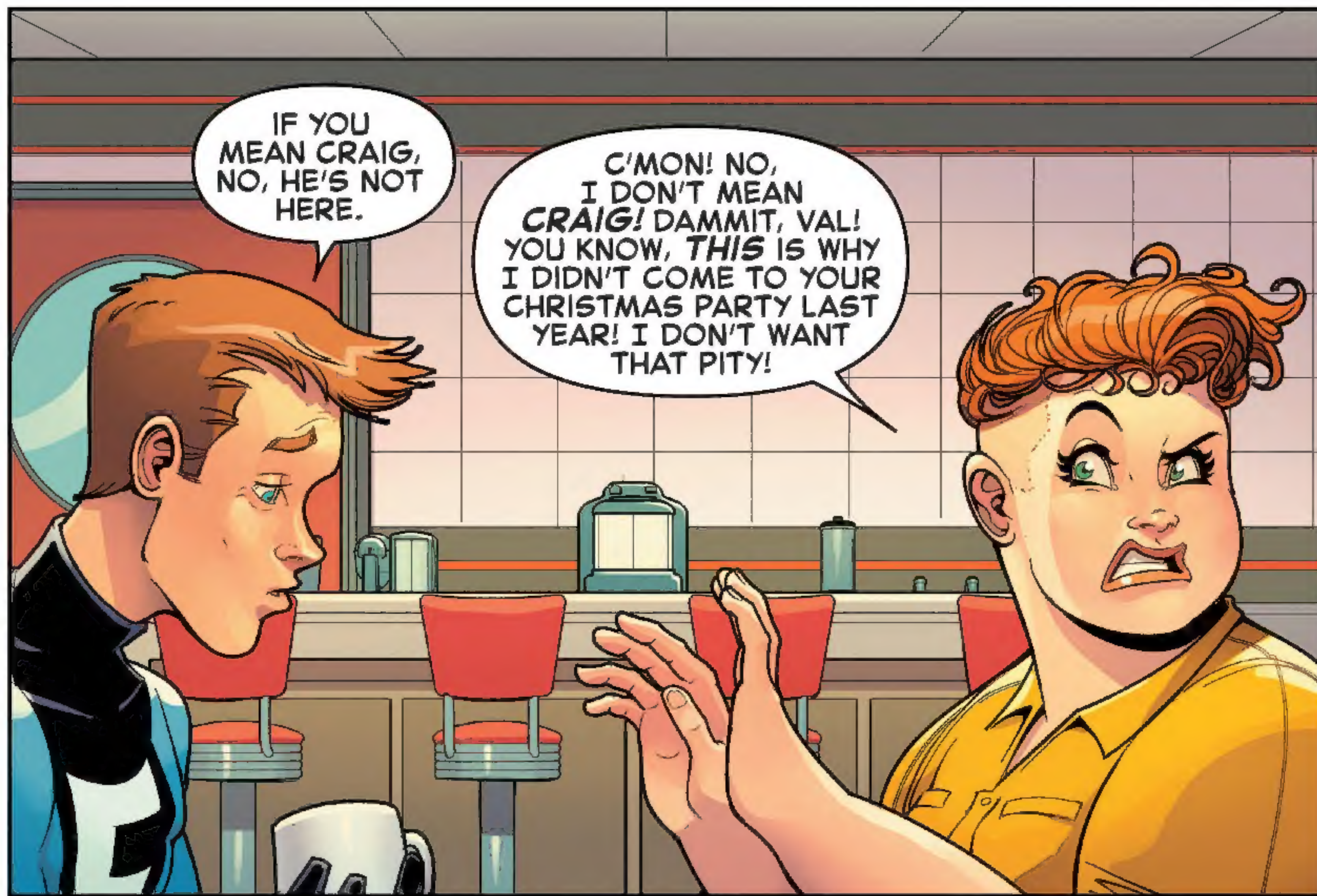


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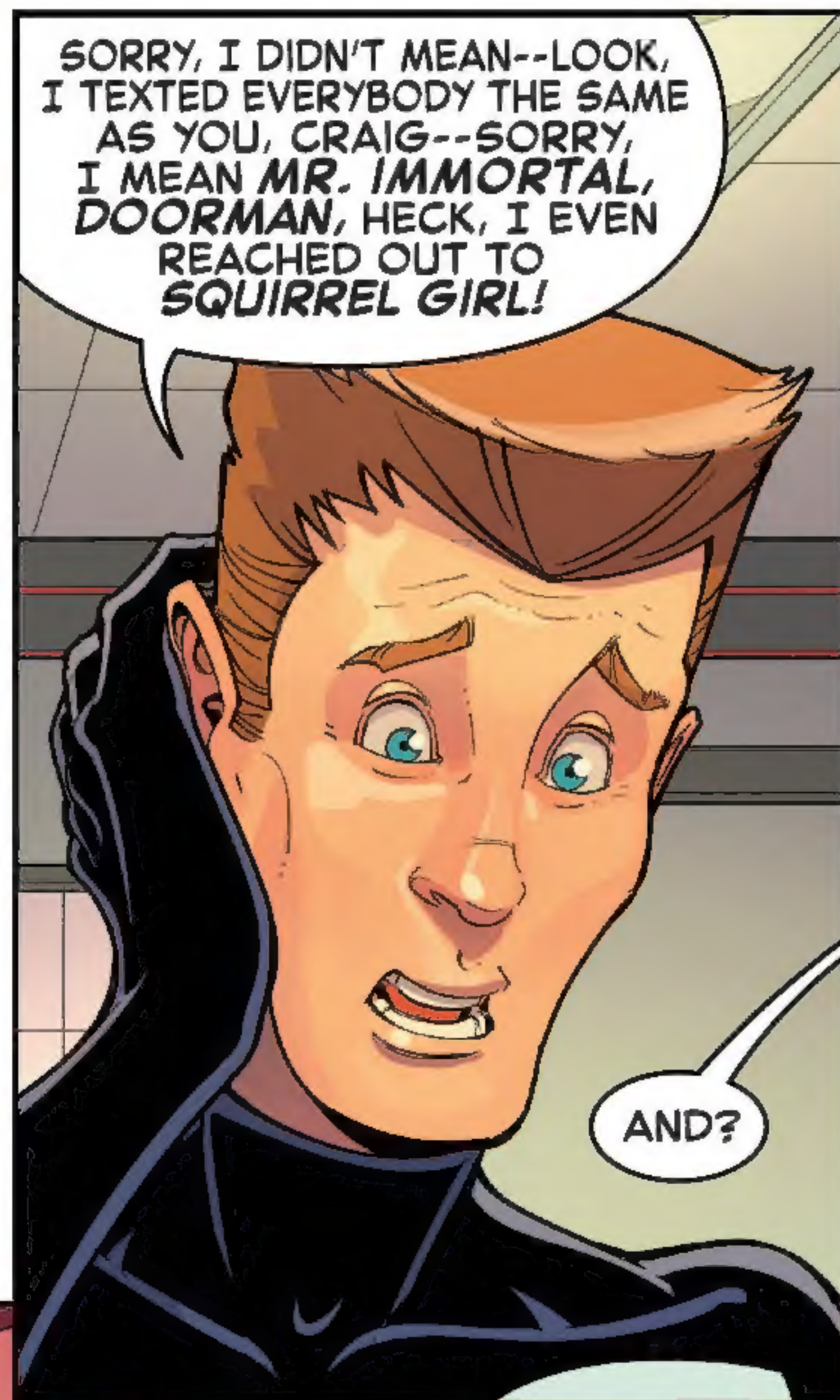
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IF YOU MEAN CRAIG, NO, HE'S NOT HERE.

C'MON! NO, I DON'T MEAN **CRAIG!** DAMMIT, VAL! YOU KNOW, *THIS* IS WHY I DIDN'T COME TO YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY LAST YEAR! I DON'T WANT THAT PITY!



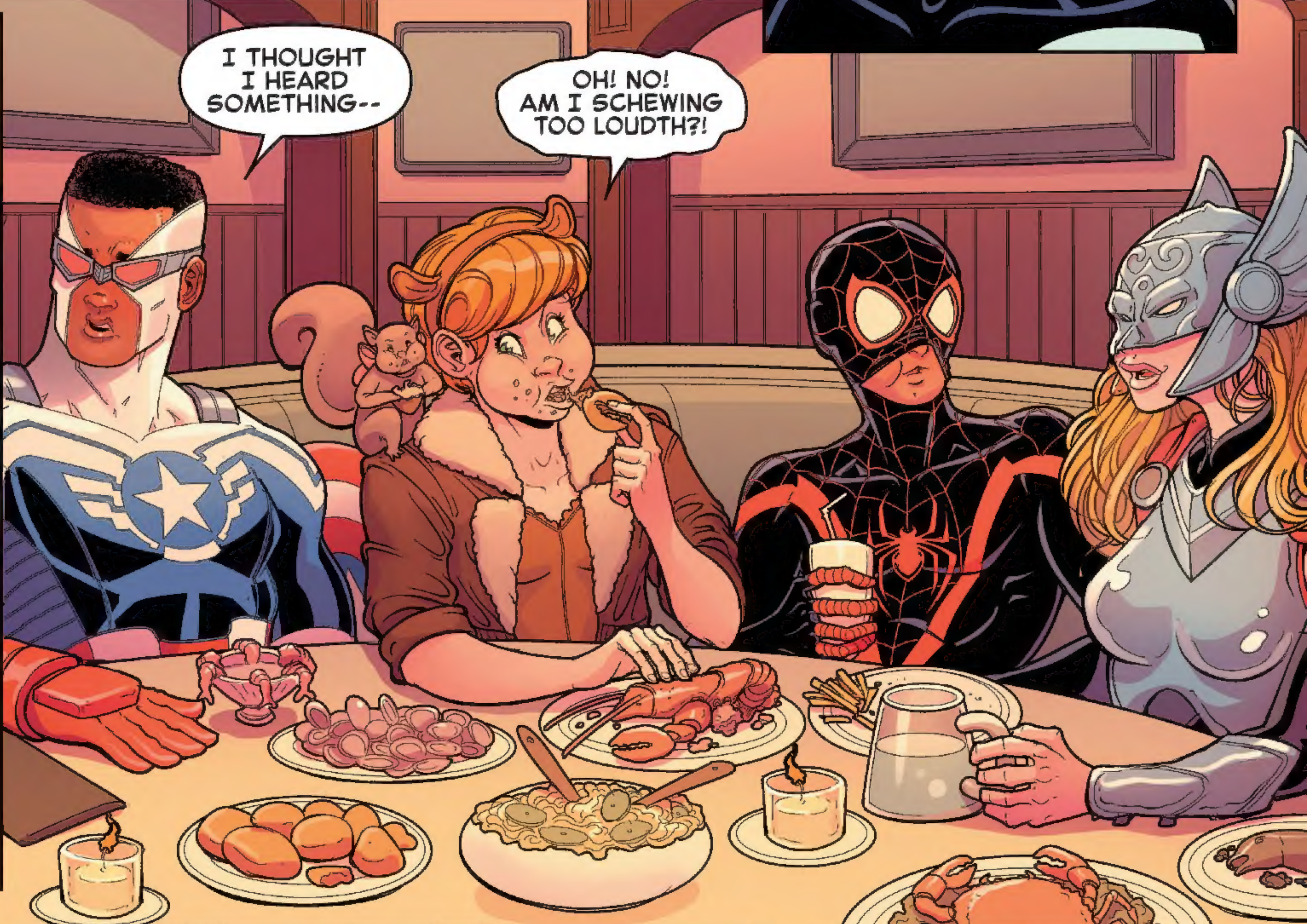
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN--LOOK, I TEXTED EVERYBODY THE SAME AS YOU, CRAIG--SORRY, I MEAN **MR. IMMORTAL, DOORMAN**, HECK, I EVEN REACHED OUT TO **SQUIREL GIRL!**

AND?



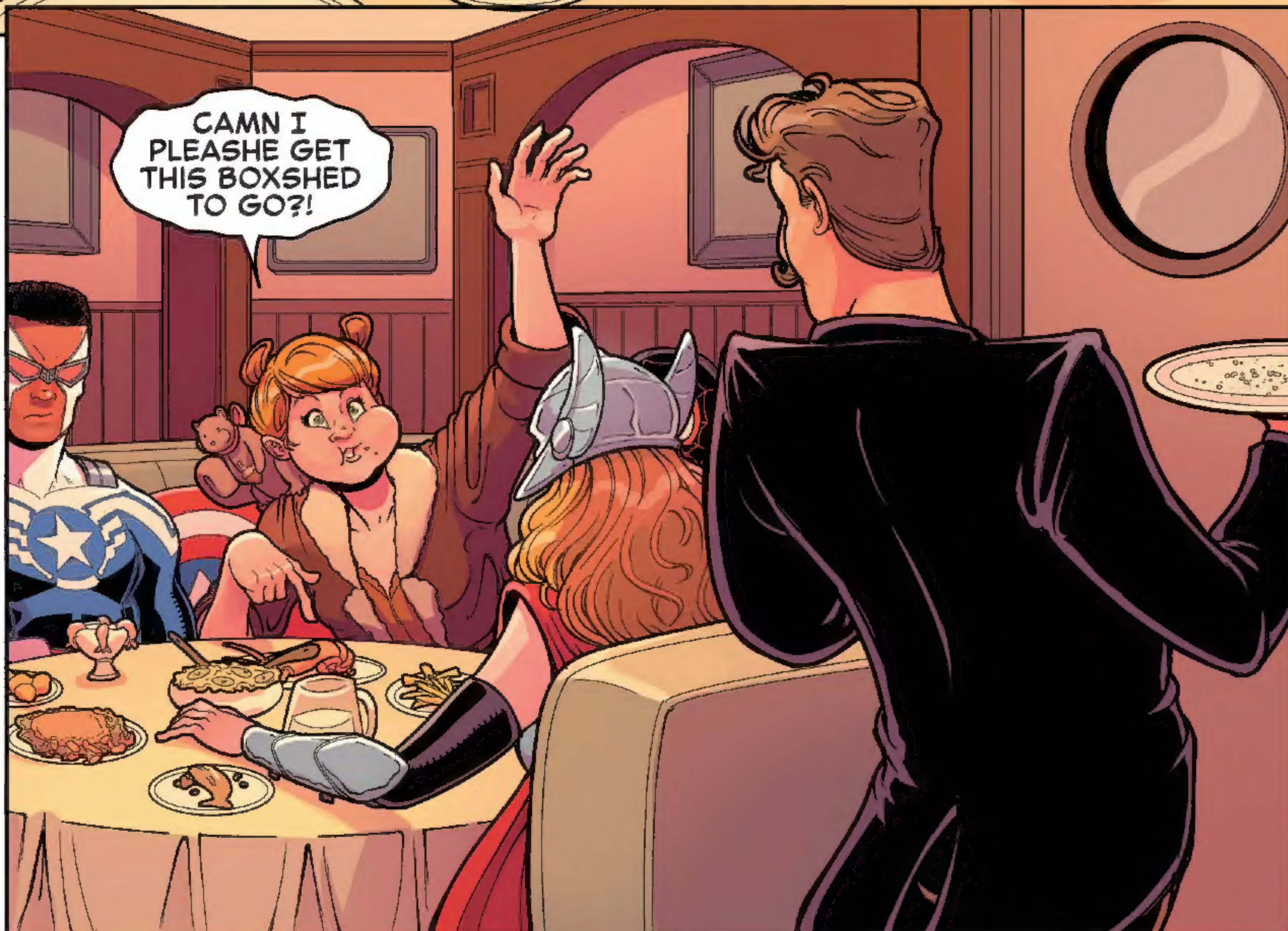
DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?

KNNNN

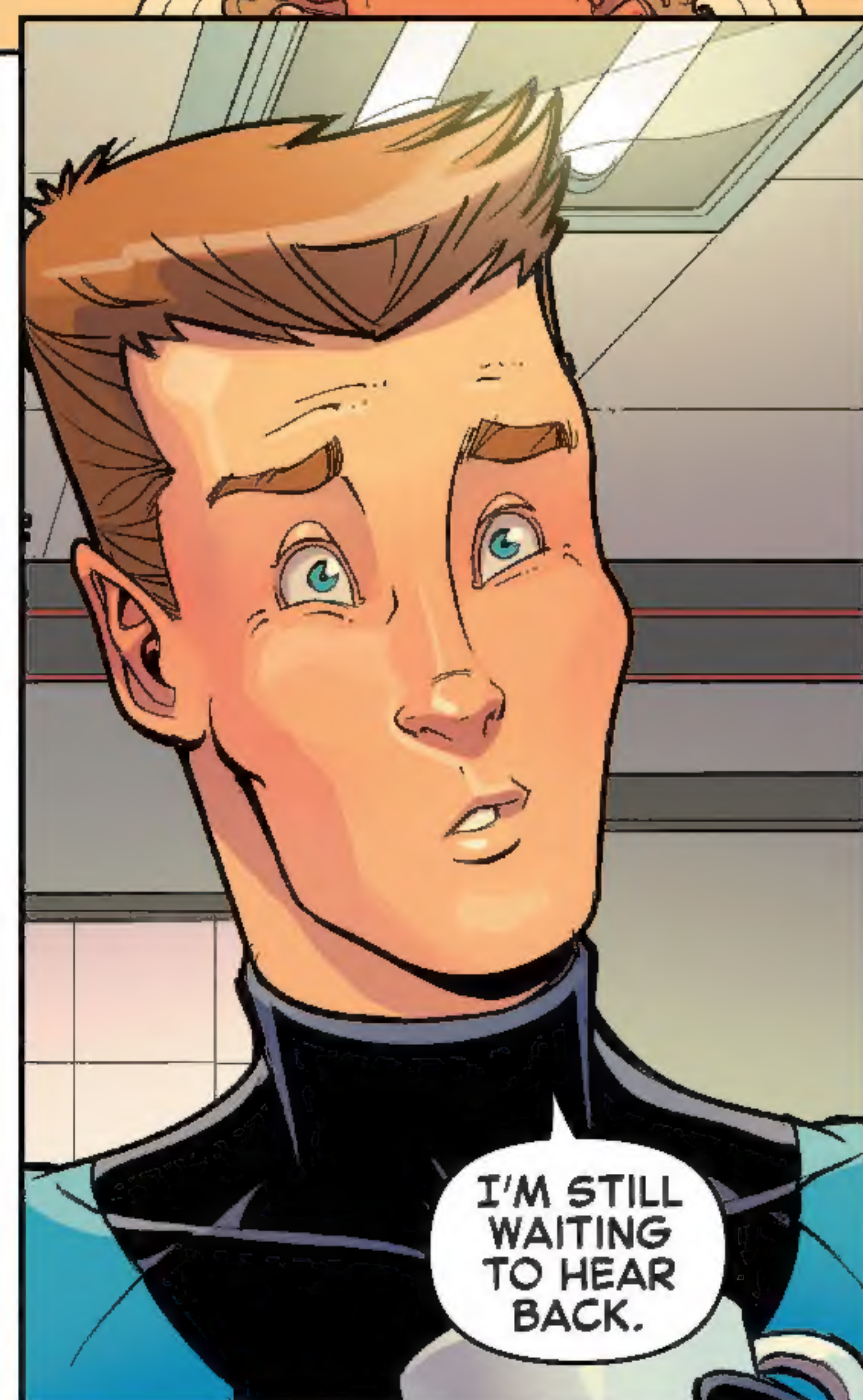


I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING--

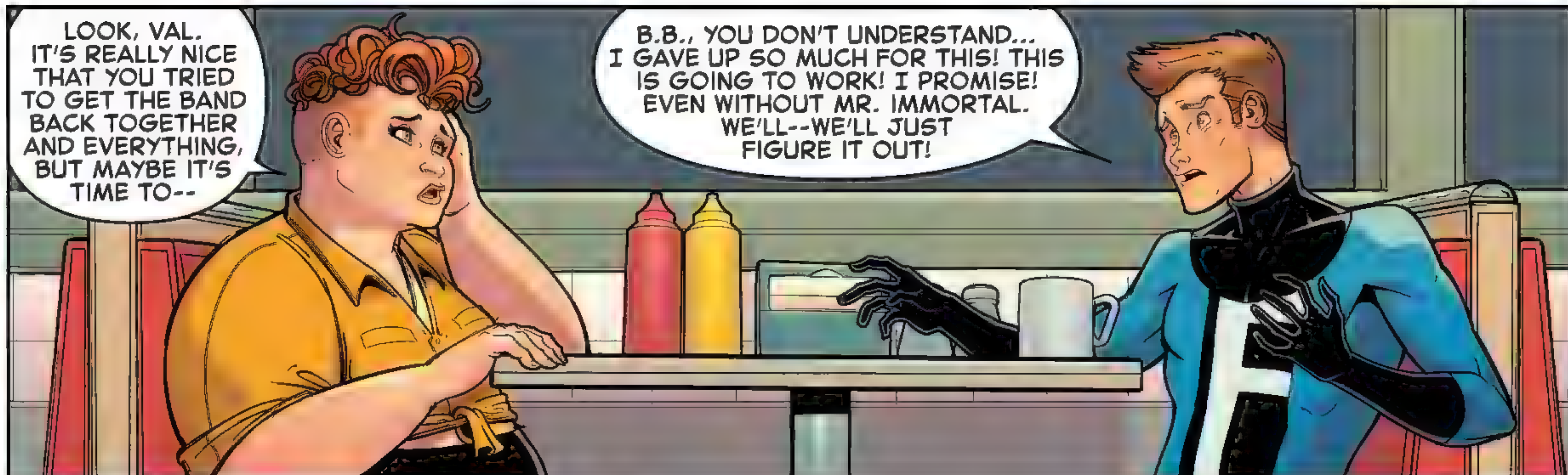
OH! NO! AM I SCHEWING TOO LOUDTH?!



CAMN I PLEASEE GET THIS BOXSHED TO GO?!



I'M STILL WAITING TO HEAR BACK.



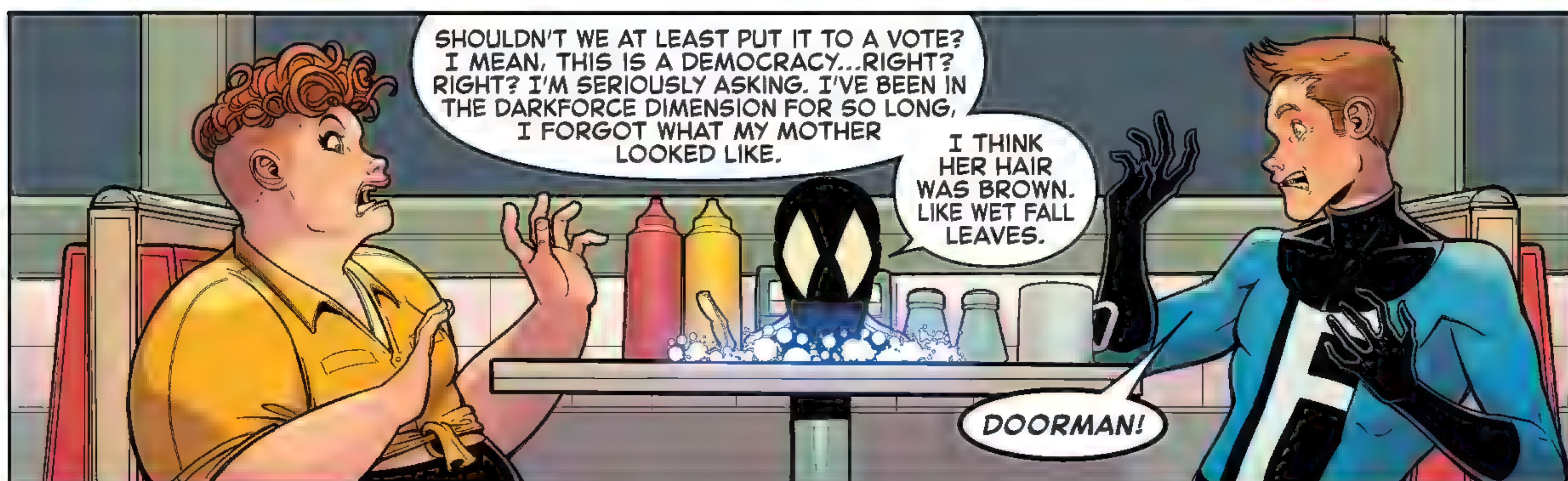
LOOK, VAL. IT'S REALLY NICE THAT YOU TRIED TO GET THE BAND BACK TOGETHER AND EVERYTHING, BUT MAYBE IT'S TIME TO--

B.B., YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND... I GAVE UP SO MUCH FOR THIS! THIS IS GOING TO WORK! I PROMISE! EVEN WITHOUT MR. IMMORTAL. WE'LL--WE'LL JUST FIGURE IT OUT!



BUT WHO'S GOING TO LEAD THE TEAM? YOU?

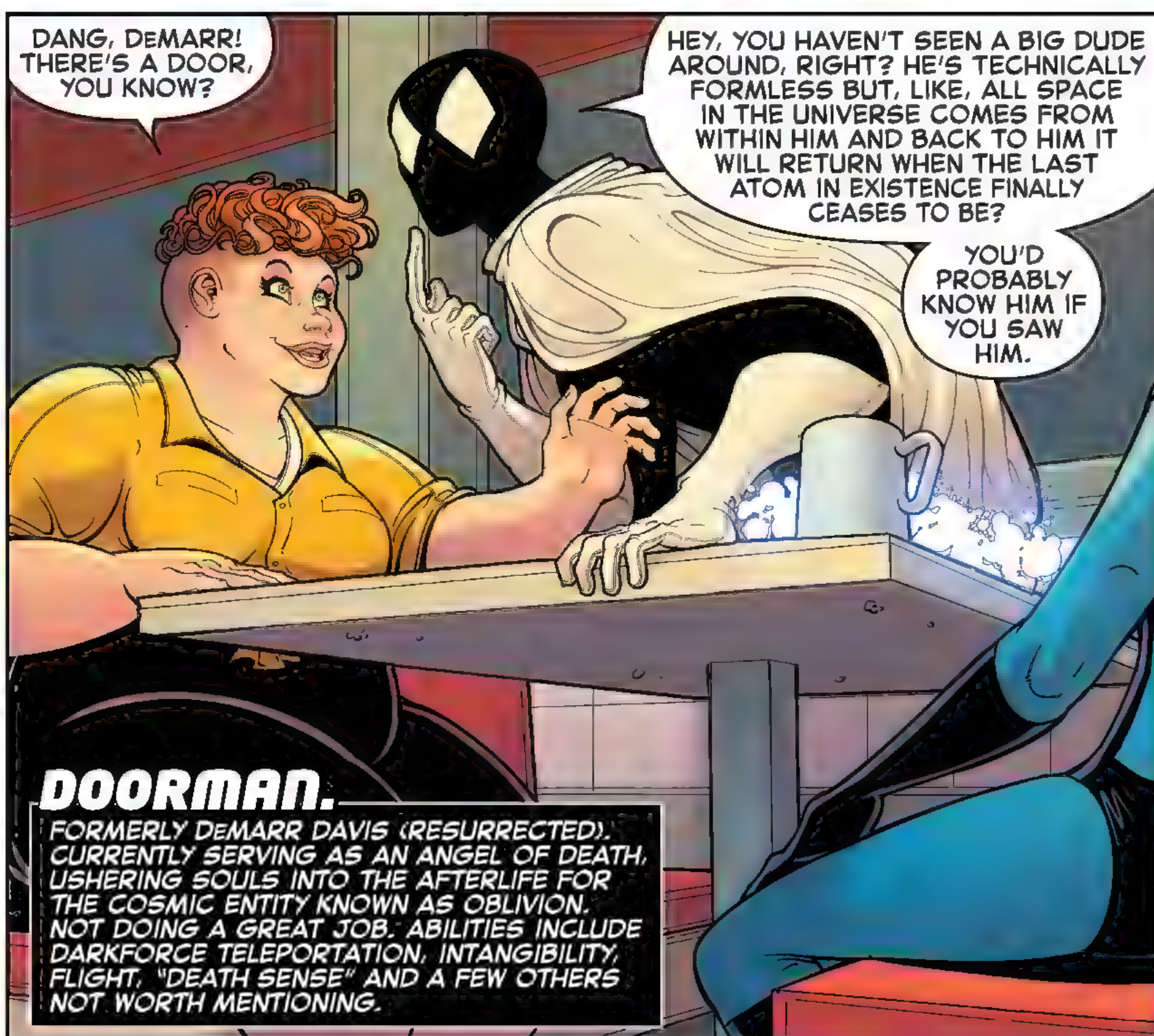
IS THAT REALLY SUCH A TERRIBLE IDEA? IT'S NOT LIKE MR. IMMORTAL SET A HIGH BAR! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS NOT GET ANYBODY KILLED. HOW HARD IS THAT? I CAN BE LEADER!



SHOULDN'T WE AT LEAST PUT IT TO A VOTE? I MEAN, THIS IS A DEMOCRACY...RIGHT? RIGHT? I'M SERIOUSLY ASKING. I'VE BEEN IN THE DARKFORCE DIMENSION FOR SO LONG, I FORGOT WHAT MY MOTHER LOOKED LIKE.

I THINK HER HAIR WAS BROWN. LIKE WET FALL LEAVES.

DOORMAN!



DANG, DEMARR! THERE'S A DOOR, YOU KNOW?

HEY, YOU HAVEN'T SEEN A BIG DUDE AROUND, RIGHT? HE'S TECHNICALLY FORMLESS BUT, LIKE, ALL SPACE IN THE UNIVERSE COMES FROM WITHIN HIM AND BACK TO HIM IT WILL RETURN WHEN THE LAST ATOM IN EXISTENCE FINALLY CEASES TO BE?

YOU'D PROBABLY KNOW HIM IF YOU SAW HIM.

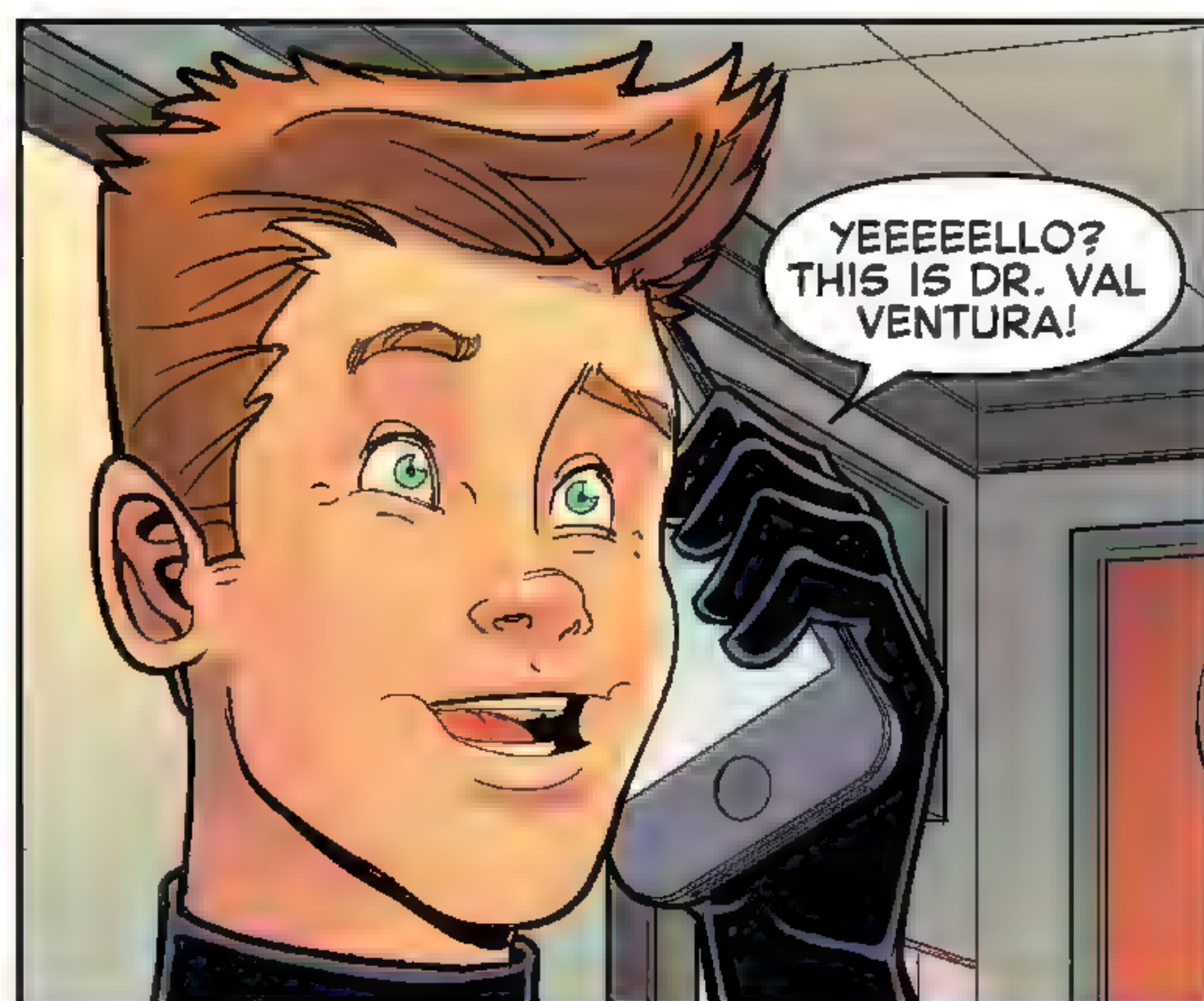
DOORMAN.

FORMERLY DEMARR DAVIS (RESURRECTED), CURRENTLY SERVING AS AN ANGEL OF DEATH, USHERING SOULS INTO THE AFTERLIFE FOR THE COSMIC ENTITY KNOWN AS OBLIVION. NOT DOING A GREAT JOB. ABILITIES INCLUDE DARKFORCE TELEPORTATION, INTANGIBILITY, FLIGHT, "DEATH SENSE" AND A FEW OTHERS NOT WORTH MENTIONING.



WHOA! HEY! YOU'RE 3-D!

THAT'S NEW!



DETROIT, MI.

C'MON,
GOOD.

YOU
SHOULD BE IN
BED. MOM'S
GONNA--

CAN'T.
DRAWING.

HM. CAN
I BE HONEST?
I LIKED HIM
BETTER WITH
THE VEST.

WHAT ARE
YOU, MY ART
DIRECTOR?

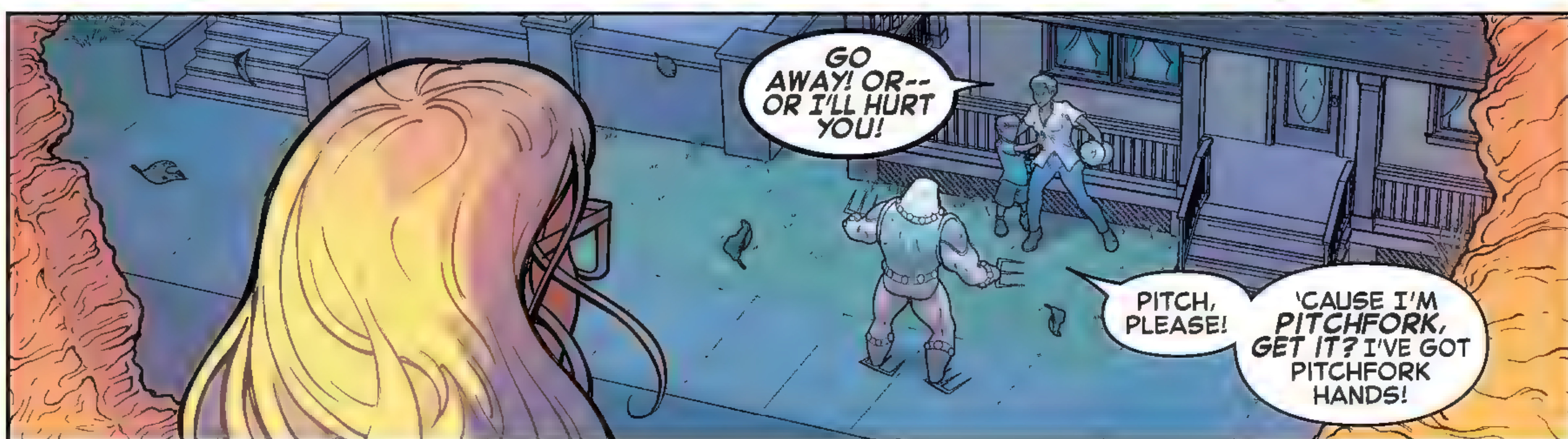
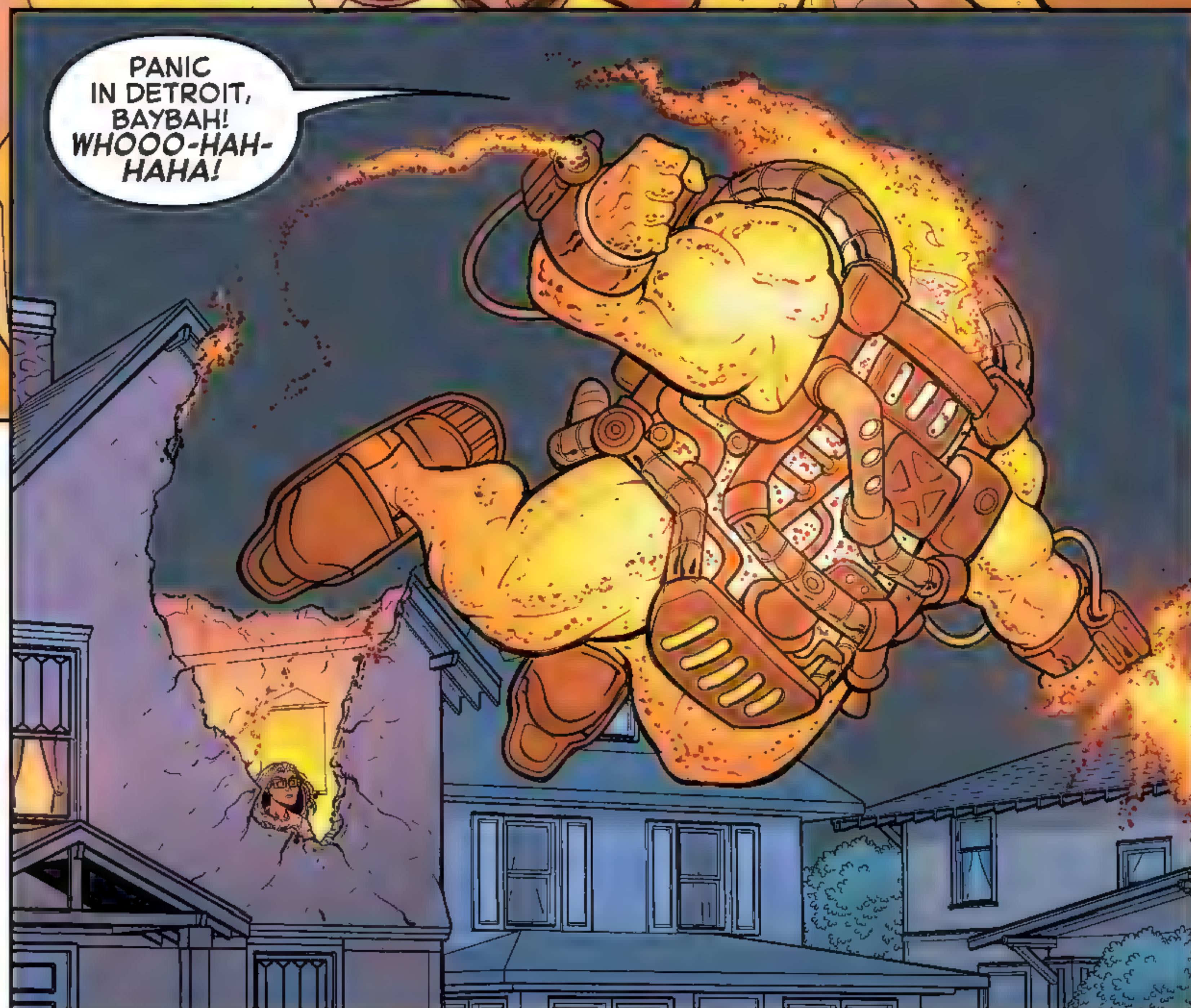
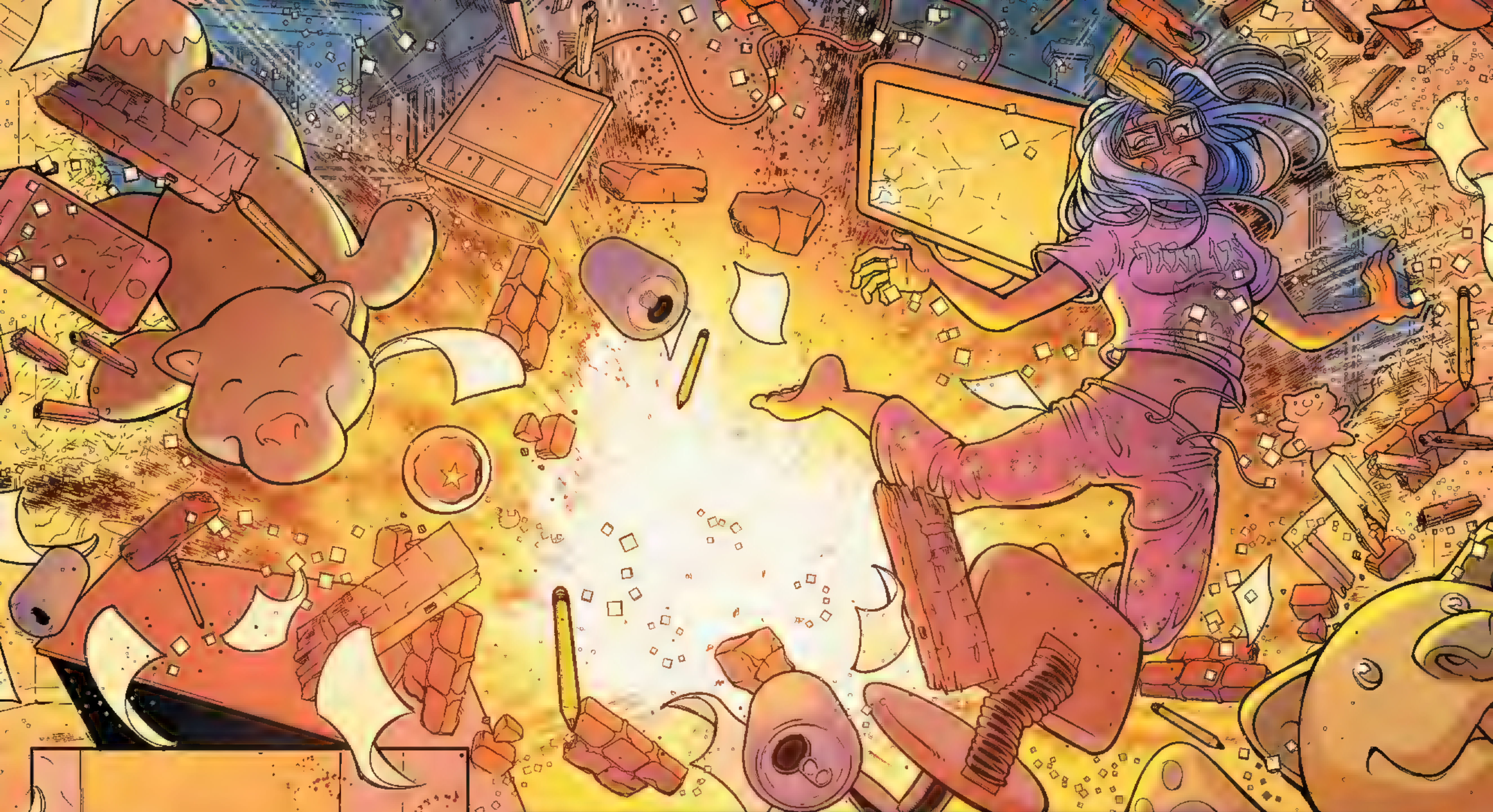
WELL, CONSIDERING I PAID
FOR YOUR COMPUTER AND
YOUR TABLET, I LIKE TO THINK
OF MYSELF MORE LIKE
YOUR EMPLOYER.

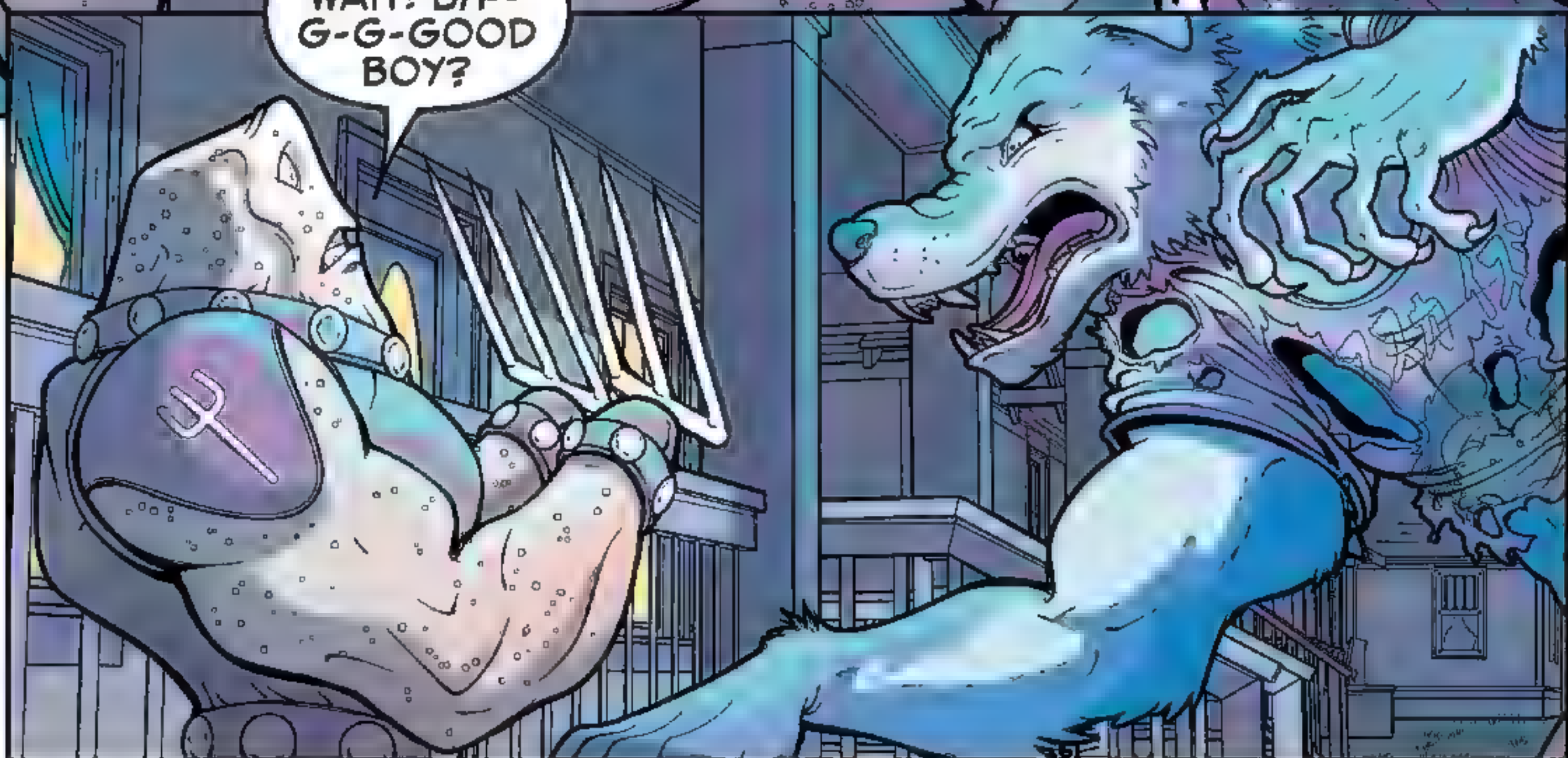
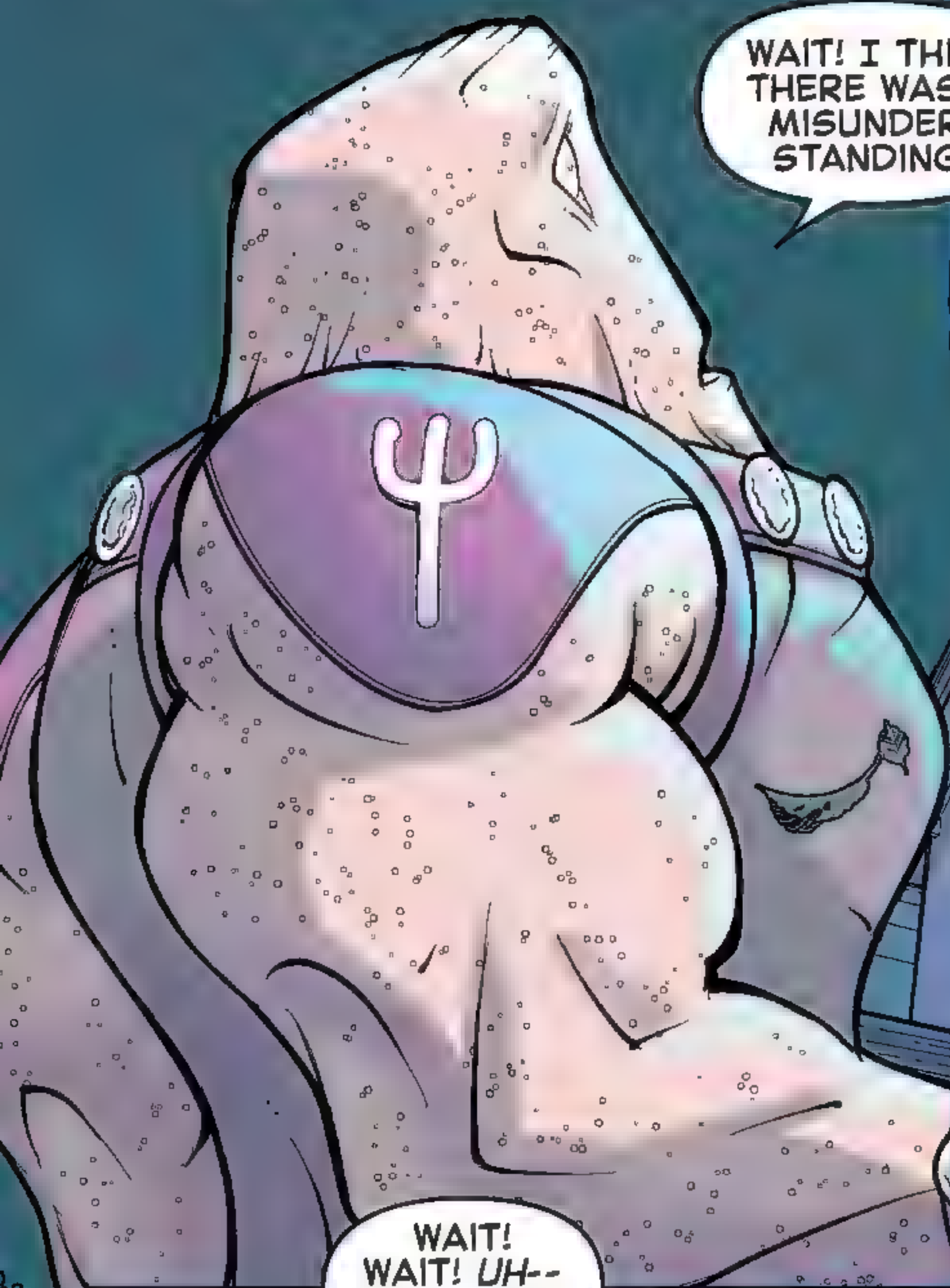
UH-HUH.
SURE. KEEP
HOLDING THAT
OVER MY HEAD.

SERIOUSLY,
THOUGH. YOU KNOW
I APPRECIATE IT,
RIGHT? YOU'RE A
GOOD BROTHER,
LUCKY.

YEAH,
YEAH. LET'S
NOT GET--

SKREEE

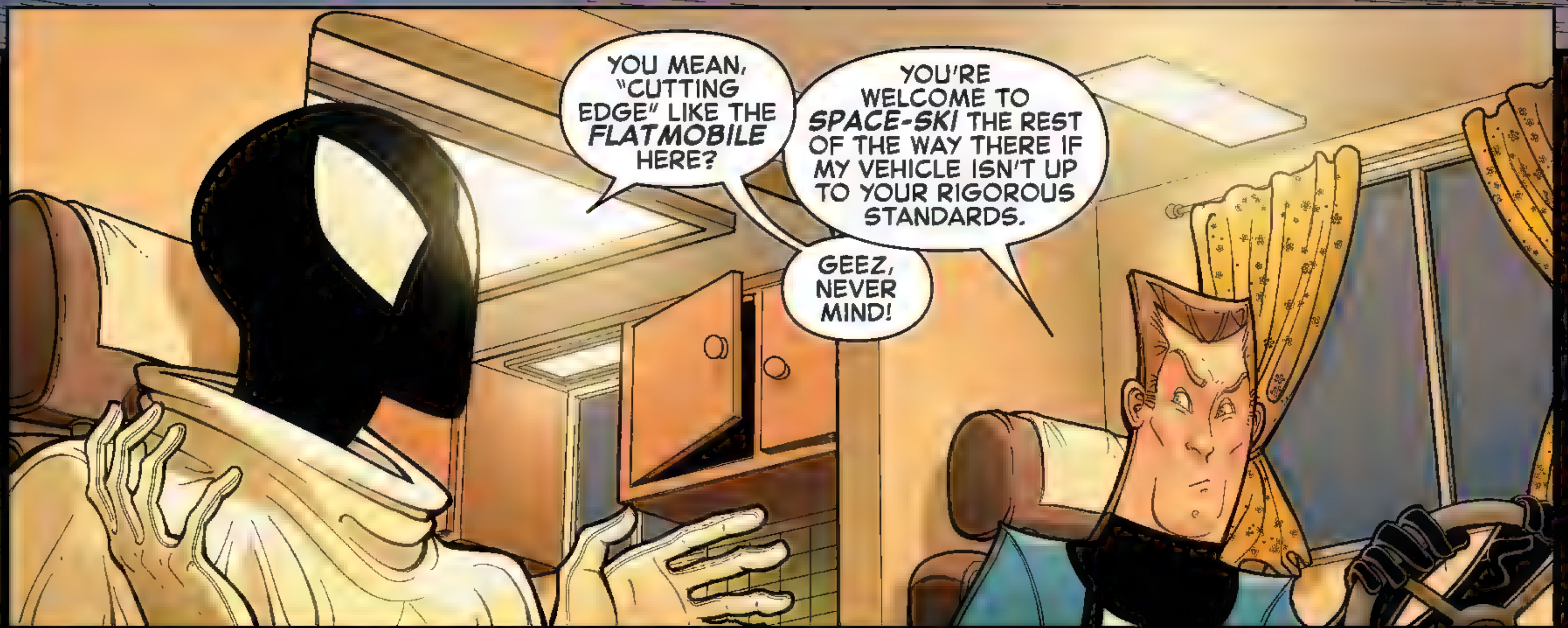






SO,
WHERE ARE WE
HEADED?

THE
AVENGERS SET
US UP WITH A PLACE--
A FACTORY OWNED BY
STARK HOLDINGS. I'VE
HEARD IT'S PRETTY
CUTTING-EDGE.



YOU MEAN,
"CUTTING
EDGE" LIKE THE
FLATMOBILE
HERE?

YOU'RE
WELCOME TO
SPACE-SKI THE REST
OF THE WAY THERE IF
MY VEHICLE ISN'T UP
TO YOUR RIGOROUS
STANDARDS.

GEEZ,
NEVER
MIND!

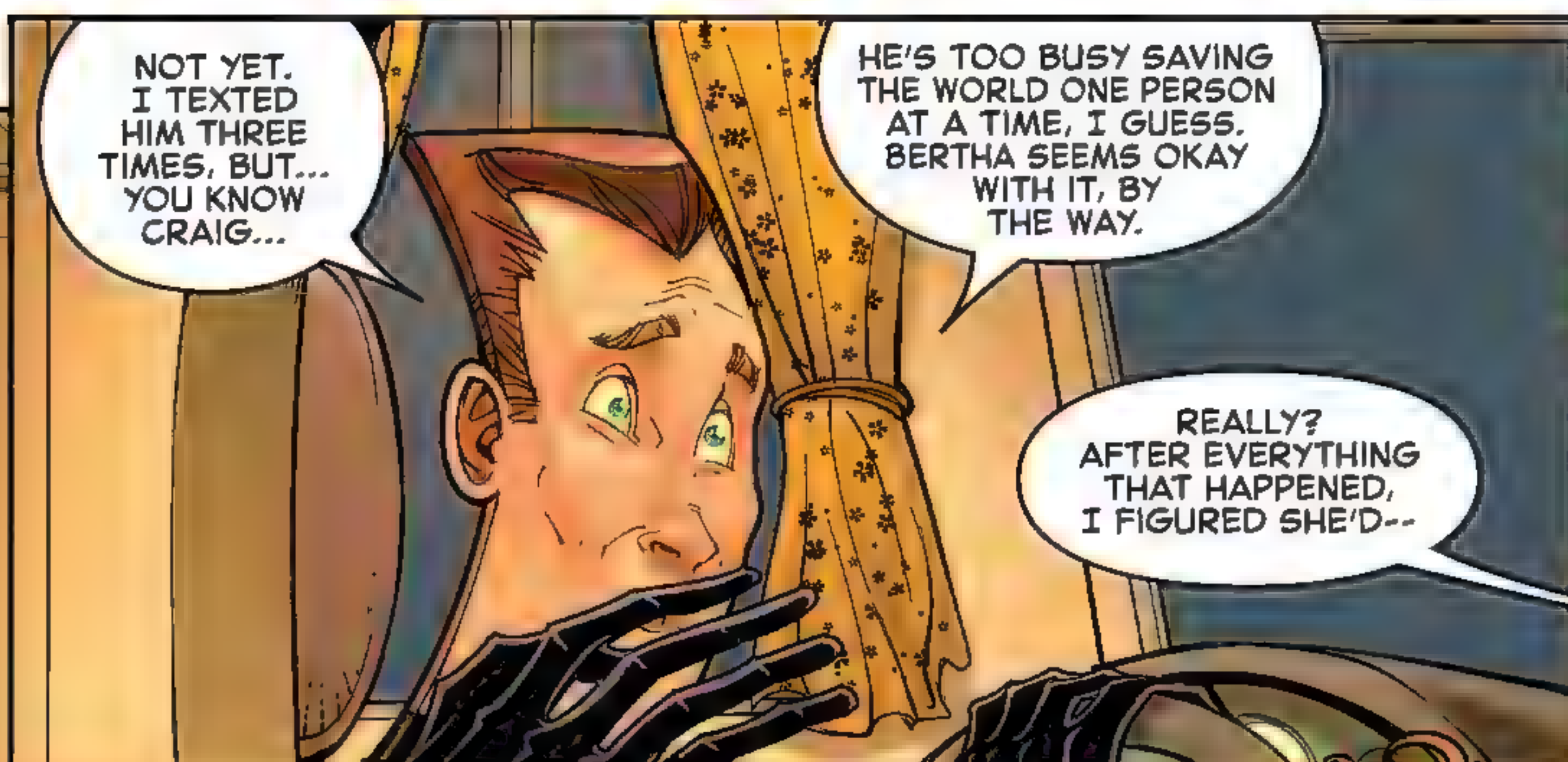


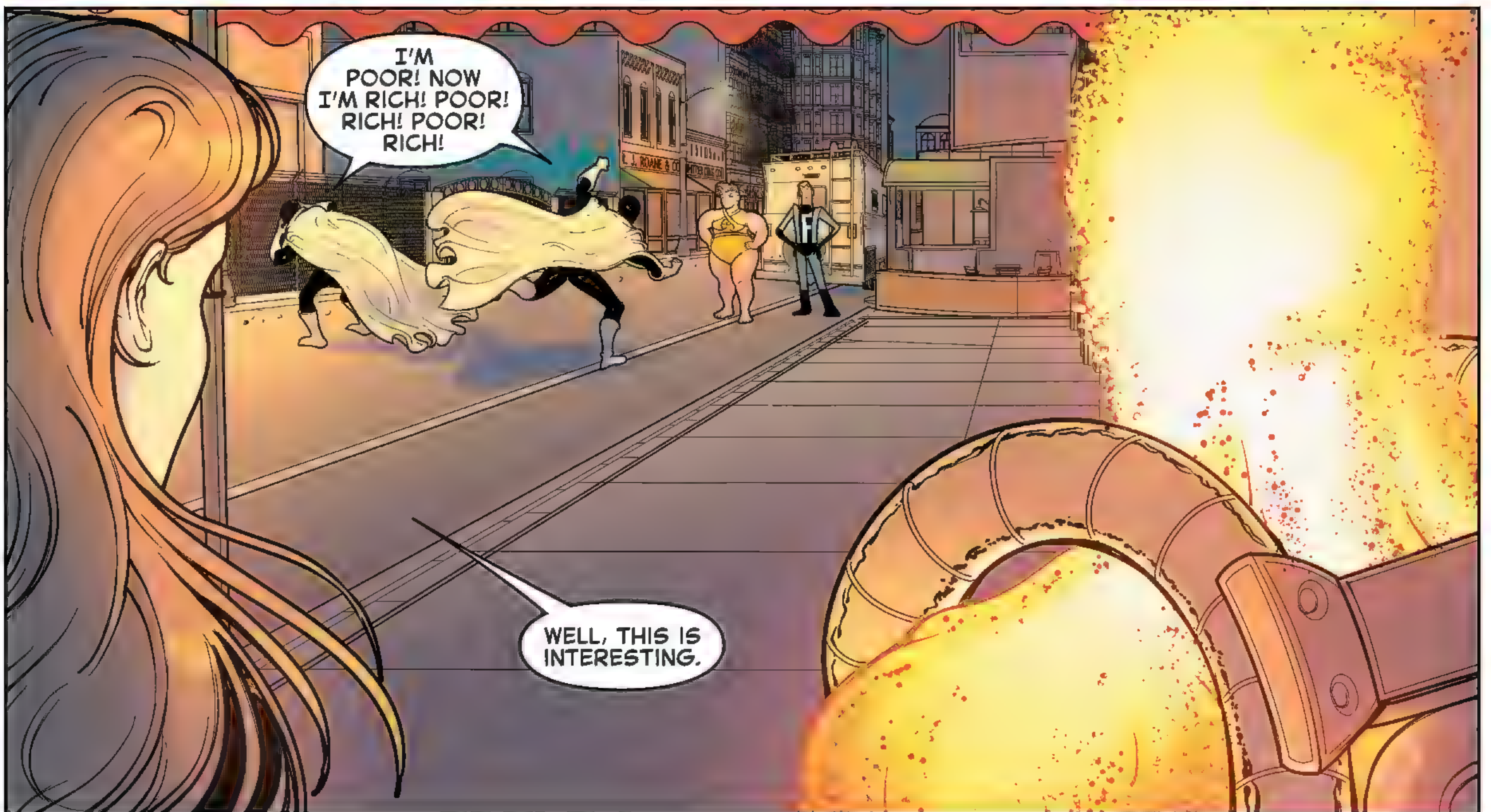
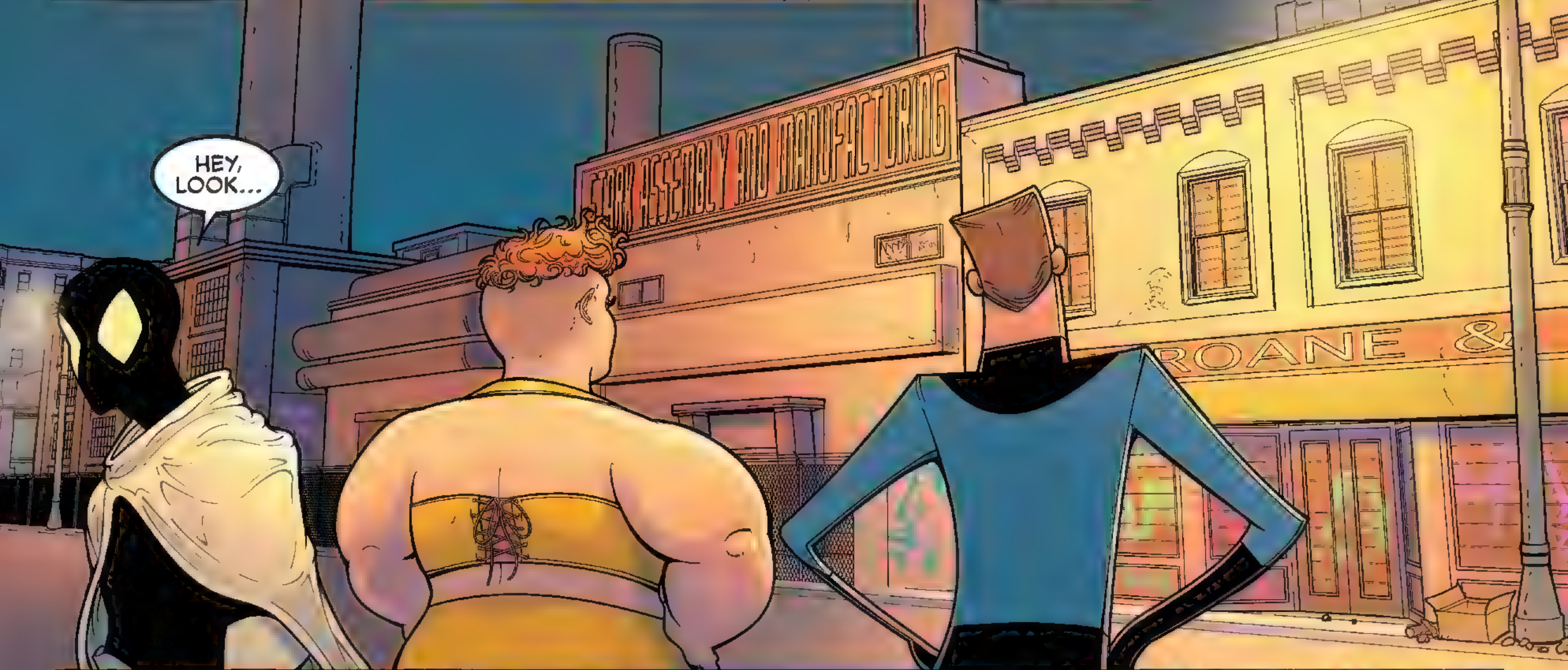
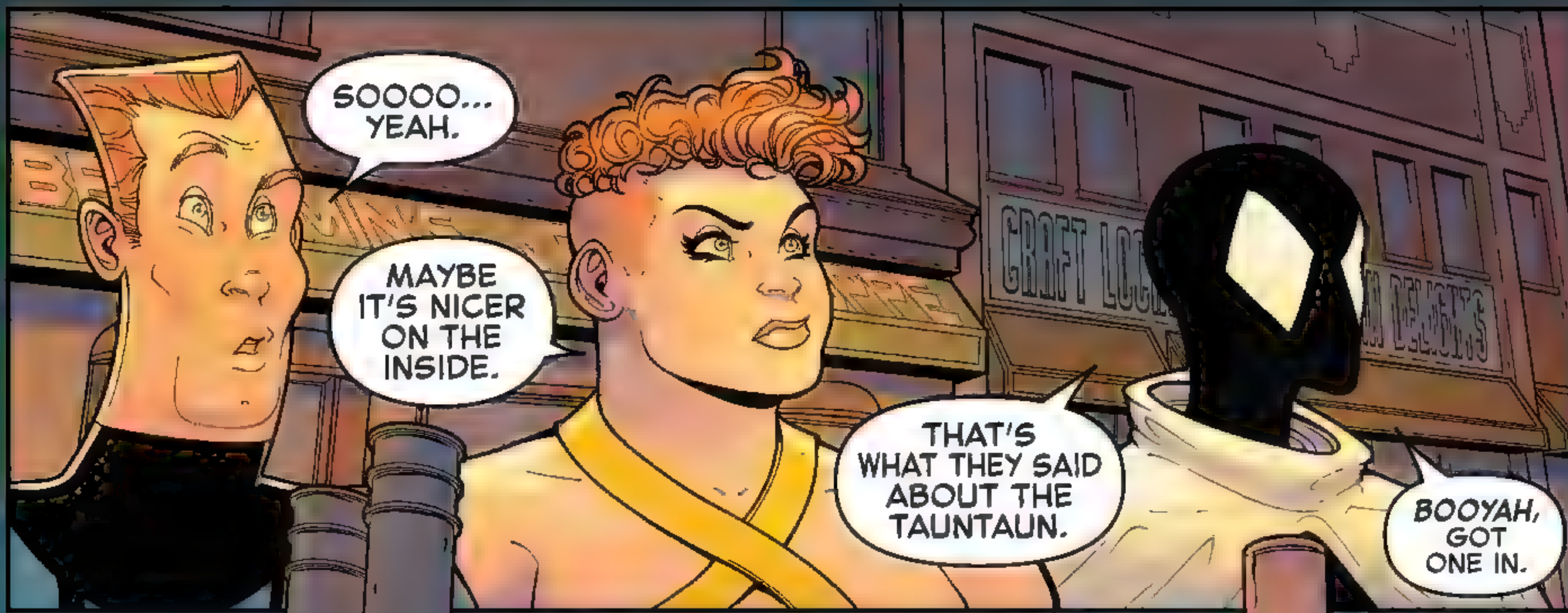
WHAT'RE
YOU SO TOUCHY
FOR, ANYWAY?
SHOULDN'T YOU
BE HAPPY? THIS
IS WHAT YOU
WANTED! THE
TEAM'S BACK
IN ACTION!

IT IS!
IT IS!



I JUST
KINDA HOPED
WE'D, YOU KNOW,
ALL BE TOGETHER
FOR THE BIG
MOMENT! DRIVING
TO THE NEW BASE!
IT'S AN ADVENTURE!
I JUST WISH
WE WERE
ALL HERE.





**FIREBRAND, a.k.a.
ERIKSON HADES.**

**SHRIEK, a.k.a.
FRANCES BARRISON.**

SUPER HEROES
MOVING IN DOWN THE
BLOCK, HUH? THAT'S
GONNA GO OVER WELL.
DO YOU WANNA TELL
THE BOSS OR
SHOULD I?

PAPER, ROCK,
SCISSORS?

YOU MEAN
ROCK, PAPER,
SCISSORS?

THAT'S
WHAT I SAID.
PAPER, ROCK,
SCISSORS.

YOU'RE
DOING IT
AGAIN!

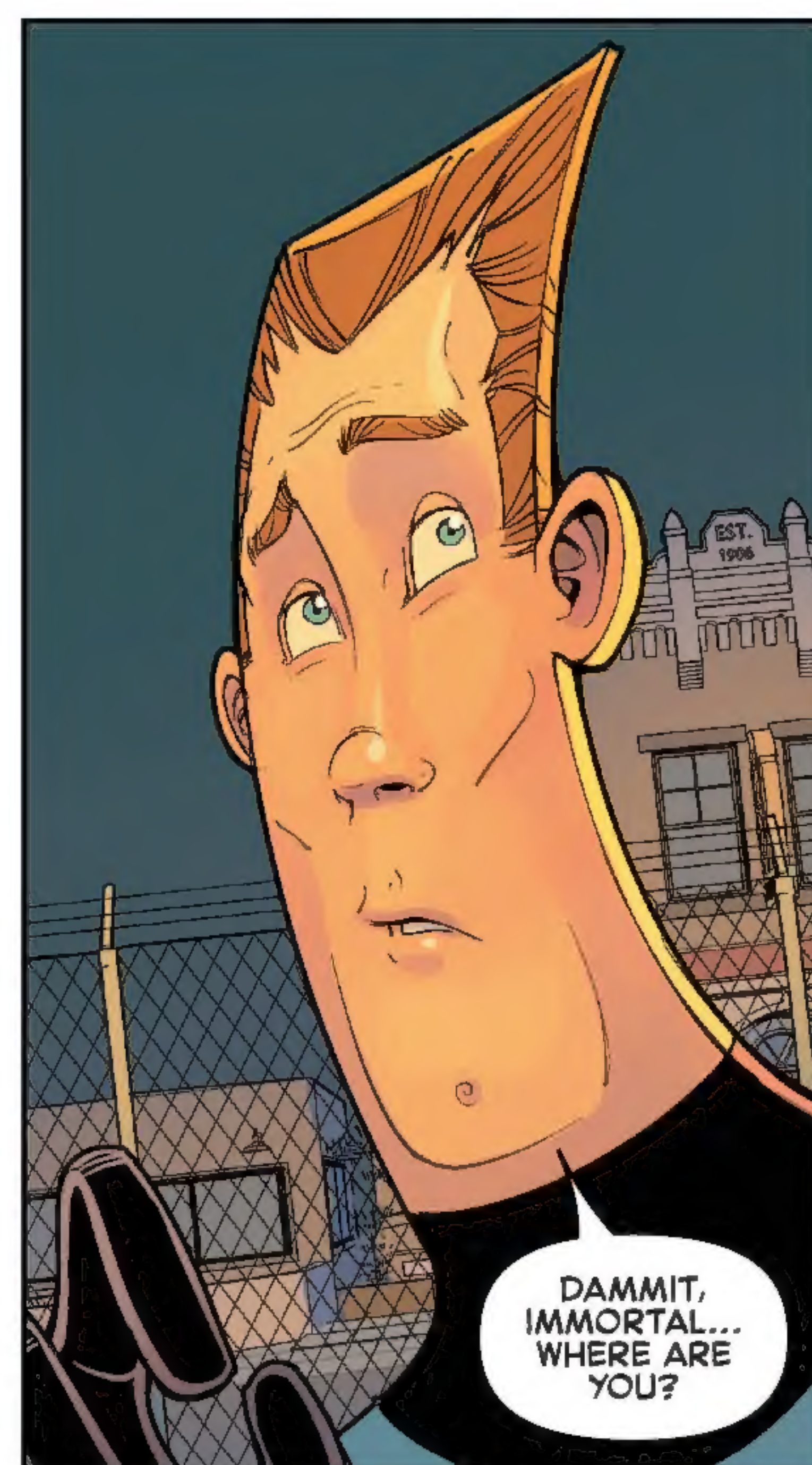
YOU'RE
TRANSPOSING
THE FIRST TWO!
EVERYBODY SAYS IT THE
OTHER WAY! IT ALWAYS
GOES 1) ROCK,
2) PAPER--

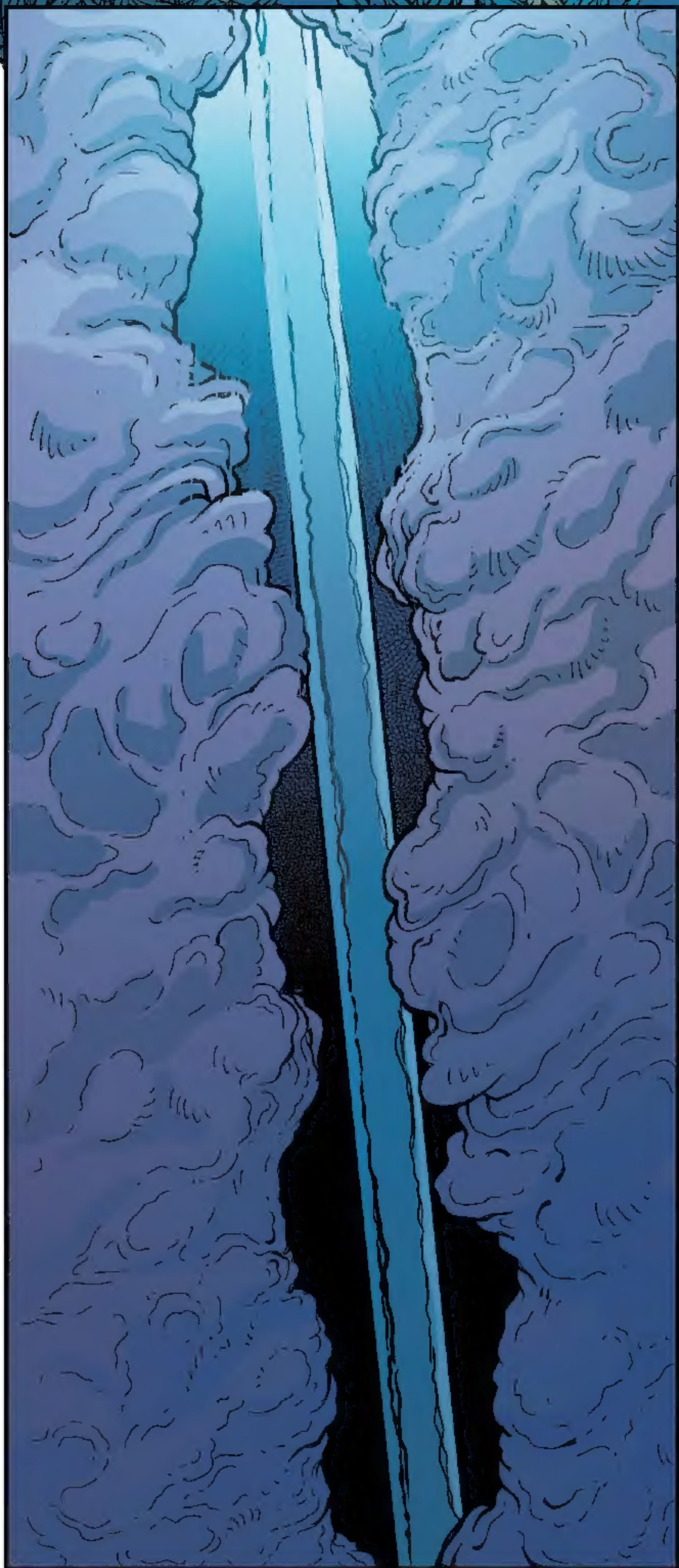
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SAVE IT
FOR YOUR TIGHT
FIVE, SEINFELD.
I'LL TELL
HIM.

LIKE
THAT
WOULD
MAKE MY
TIGHT FIVE.







NEXT ISSUE:



*The Great Lakes Avengers will take anybody--**ANYBODY!!!** Do you have an intimate understanding of the physics of Jenga? Can you shove more marshmallows in your face than anyone else? Do you always manage to go to the bathroom right after the toilet paper roll has been refilled?*

Send letters detailing cool stuff you can do to MHEROES@MARVEL.COM marked "OKAY TO PRINT" and you might just become an honorary member of the Great Lakes Avengers! (They're super desperate!!!)

